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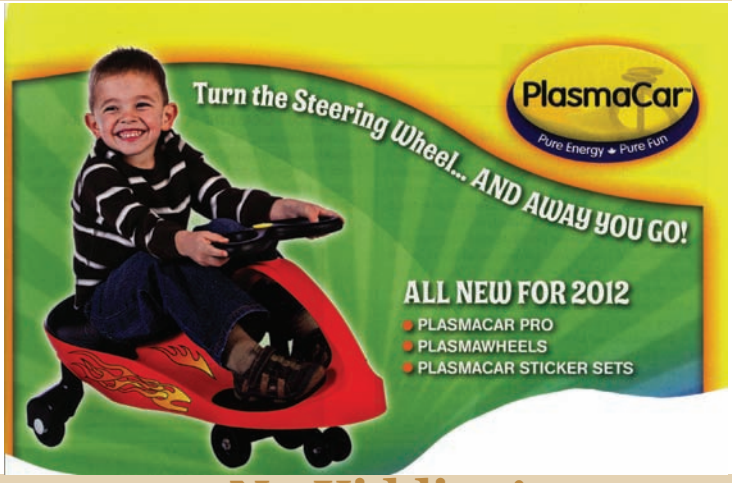
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Marion Stroll Attracts Crowds

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

A sense of old fashioned holiday merriment was in the air on Sunday, December 11 in the Marion Village. The colder, brisk temperatures that afternoon chilled visitors, who thawed themselves out with hot cider, warm cookies, chowder soup and holiday spirit.

Like every year, the holiday revelers welcomed Santa Claus, who arrived by boat on Island Wharf, then entered Front Street on a wagon pulled by Clydesdales.

While businesses – who sponsor the event – opened their doors and offered treats of all varieties, families enjoyed many activities – from puppets and art making in the music hall to farm animal petting to caroling led by Sippican Elementary School's fourth and fifth grade bands. Of course, families also got to take a turn on the Clydesdales' wagons through the neighborhood.

"So far, it is great!" said Charlie Rider, who offered treats to guests. Mr. Rider, who works at an insurance company that relocated to Front Street within the year, said it was his first time participating in the event. Eric Strand, owner of a wealth management business on Front Street, likewise provided treats in the form of plump cookies, cider and multi-colored candy canes.

Bill Saltonstall Sr., who retired in his former business office on Front Street, delighted families with a roaring fire and S'mores ingredients on hand for those seeking a warm treat.

"We are very lucky this year," he said, remarking that during the past couple of years, the Stroll took place on rainy days.

Chinese yo-yo artist and stilts master Bob Pettengill, a regular of the stroll, delighted families with his tricks. "For some reason, they keep asking me to come back," he joked.

In his 17th year participating, Burton Corkum of a local liquor store remarked on the success of the event this year.

"It's very good, everyone is having a good time. The event is all about the kids and Christmas," he said. However, pointing to the New England Eggnog being served with a dose of rum, he said "but this eggnog is for the big kids."



On the Cover & Above: The annual Marion Holiday Stroll took place on Sunday, December 11, 2011. As usual, Santa arrived at Barden's Boatyard on Front Street and with the help of the Sippican School Cottage Street Jam Band, led the Stroll to the Bicentennial Park for a tree lighting. Photo by Felix Perez.



The Mattapoisett Historical Society hosted a caroling event on Sunday, December 11, 2011. About 25 people gathered at the Museum and Carriage House at 5 Church Street and then meandered throughout the village to spread Holiday cheer. A caroling favorite for the children was Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman – adult carolers preferred "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". Photo by Anne Kakley.

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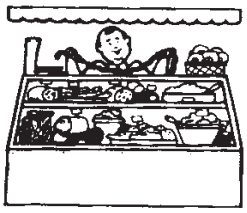
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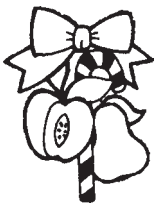
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Generosity also was part of the atmosphere, as locals Lisa Whitney and Susan Nilson rang bells for Salvation Army. They volunteered for an hour slot after their third grade daughters, Natalie Nielson and Ellie Whitney, completed the last one-hour shift.

"People have been generous, we are very happy," said Ms. Nilson, joking that a former bell ringer from last year was particularly generous having been in their shoes.

Sippican and Symphonic Kick Off Stroll

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

It's been four years since Phil Sanborn and members of the Tri-County Symphonic Band decided to join forces with Sippican School for the annual Christmas Concert.

"We wanted to connect with the Marion Stroll somehow and we shifted our concert date and moved it to Sippican School, with the focus on the children," said Mr. Sanborn, Music Director and Conductor of the Tri-County Symphonic Band.

"This is the only concert that we perform free of charge... it is our gift to the community," said Mr. Sanborn.

As each child entered the school auditorium, student volunteers gave out a tiny jack-in-the-box elves which had a number on the bottom. Later, winners would get to come on stage with the band and play the sleigh bells during the final performance of Sleigh Ride.

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A packed house enjoyed the Tri-County Symphonic Band's concert which started out with Holiday Emblem, arranged by Robert Smith, which was a combination of christmas carols interfused with patriotic American music. Next up was the British version of O Little Town of Bethlehem, arranged by Strand and Dawson.

Announcer Roger Haber told the audience that there were three sleigh ride songs on the program including the traditional Christmas Song, arranged by Bill Holcombe, the Moonlight Sleigh Ride, by Nancy Price and Don Besig and Sleigh Ride, by Leroy Anderson.

The introductions prior to each musical item on the program gave the audience an appreciation of what

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they were hearing and Mr. Haber spoke about Babes in Toyland, which is remembered mainly due to one musical number... The March of the Toys, which had many in the audience bobbing heads and tapping shoes as the band played.

The Concert Choir of Sippican School, directed by Patricia Richard, joined the band in The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire), and with pianist Leslie Piper, sang Moonlight Sleigh Ride. Ms. Piper is the director of The South Coast Children's Chorus.

The Concert Choir consists of thirty-seven children, grades 4 through 6 who meet twice a week before school. The fourth grade chorus includes everyone in the grade.

During the final Sleigh Ride, Mr. Haber pulled the winning numbers and children came on stage and took their instruments (bells) and were instructed on how to use them.

For the final Christmas 'Pop" sing-along songs, siblings and cousins of the Concert Choir were invited to come up on the risers and join in the singing. The children were dressed in holiday flair, with Santa hats and red and green clothing.

After the concert, members of the band joined in with Hanna's Cottage Street Jam Band, the brainstorm of Sippican School's Band Director, Hannah Moore, and led the march down to the stroll. Several audience members brought their own instruments to join in with the Jam Band for the procession, and earlier, announcer Roger Haber told the audience that if they forgot their instrument, Mrs. Moore had a few 'spares' that could be borrowed for the impromptu Jam Band parade.

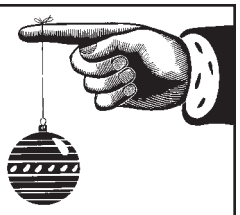
After being rained out last year, the group had fine weather to assemble and play their instruments while walking down Cottage Street to Front Street, where they continued to play Christmas Carols for the people who gathered for the annual Marion Stroll.

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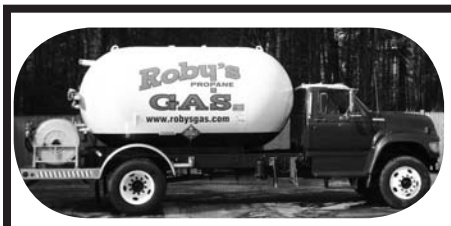
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It may have been 40 degrees outside last weekend, but members of the Sippican Woman's Club

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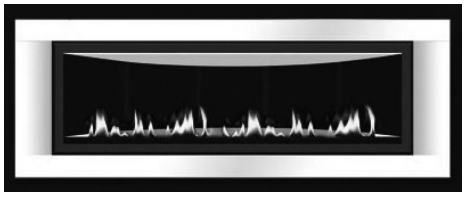
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had the tropics on their minds during their 25th annual Holiday House Tour and Tea on Saturday, December 9.

Themed "A Tropical Christmas" the club decked out Handy's Tavern (the club's lodge at 152 Front Street in Marion) with colorful tropical decorations – including a beach display complete with real sand, a small Tiki bar, flamingo décor, scuba suits and even palm Christmas trees.

"We've been working since the summer every week, seven days a week. At least ten people have worked since the summer to help out," said club member Mary Faughner, of the event and decorations. Some of the tropical items – as well as specialized themed Christmas trees (Red Sox and Bruins trees included!) created by club member Jeanne Bruen – were up for bid.

The Handy's Tavern was just one site of the event, which featured tours of prestigious houses old and new throughout Marion, as well as some of the town's other establishments including the Elizabeth Taber Library, the Marion Art Center, St. Gabriel's Church, and the Sippican Historical Society Museum.

Proceeds from the event's ticket sales, silent auction items and other goods for sale in the Tour's homes all are designated for one place: education.

"Everything goes to scholarships," said Linda Elliot, the club's president. About $13,000 per year is raised from the event to help high school students from Old Rochester Regional, Tabor Academy and Bishop

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What keeps the event live year after year is not just donations, the members stress.

"More than things, our volunteers donate time," said Ms. Faughner.

Already, the 100-person strong club is looking forward to a major milestone next year: Handy Tavern's 200th anniversary. Ms. Elliot said that club plans to decorate the lodge like it was in 1812 for next year.

"It will be interesting to see what it was like at that time," she said.

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Police Recover Stolen Storm Grates

By Anne Kakley and Paul Lopes



A rash of storm drain cover thefts overnight on December 10 in Mattapoisett and Fairhaven had police searching for suspects who stole the metal to scrap for money.

Witnesses in the areas of North Street, Winter Hill and Summer Street in Mattapoisett reported seeing a truck leaving the scene of the thefts. Police checked with local scrap yard on Saturday in an attempt to retrieve the storm drain covers and to find the perpetrators.

By mid-day, the drains were recovered when State Trooper Joshua Fries observed a white box truck on Route 25 in Plymouth. Trooper Fries recalled the description of the truck based on a "Be on the Look-Out" that Mattapoisett Police had issued to surrounding police departments. According to a state police press release, Trooper Fries followed the truck and contacted the Bourne Barracks for updated information on the suspects.

The Bourne Barracks also reported that two males had attempted to sell the grates to a New Bedford scrap dealer, who declined the sale and contacted Mattapoisett police.

Trooper Fries conducted a vehicle stop with the two suspects at the Bourne Rotary. After a brief discussion, Trooper Fries discovered the missing grates in the box truck and two suspects, Benjamin Sisson, 22, of

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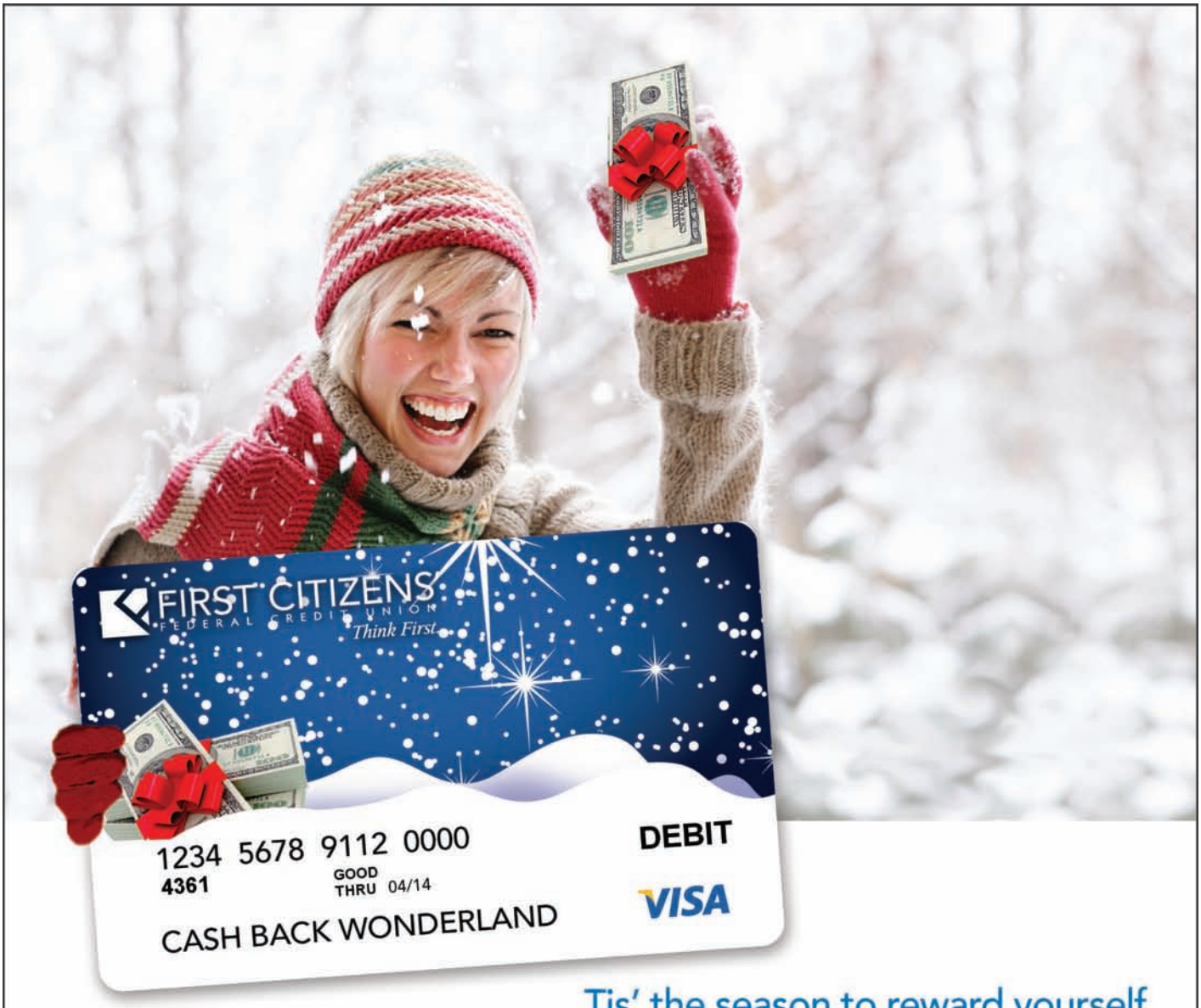
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North Falmouth and Kristofer Williams, 28, of Falmouth, were taken into custody. Both were charged with larceny over $250, and receiving stolen property over $250. 22 grates were eventually recovered belonging to the towns of Mattapoisett, Fairhaven, Bourne and Wareham.

Mattapoisett officer Matthew McGraw and Highway Surveyor Barry Denham went to Bourne to identify and recover the storm drain covers.

According to Mattapoisett police chief Mary Lyons, the suspects will be charged with eight counts of larceny.

Metal theft is not new to the area. Most recently, the copper downspouts at the Millicent Library and Fairhaven Town Hall had been stolen, and there have been several reports of copper piping being stolen from Tri-Town residences, particularly vacant or seasonal homes.

A Massachusetts bill that recently passed in the House discourages the crime of metal theft for scrapping. In the bill, scrap metal yards would have to keep stricter records of who is depositing scrap metal, and ask for photo identification for scrap exchange. Additionally, the bill makes it illegal for dealers to accept metal that has likely been stolen, like manhole covers and storm drain covers.

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Brass Quintet Hopes to Start Tradition

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

The audience may have been small, but the live holiday music of the Quahog Brass Quintet brought many smiles to those who attended their concert on Friday, December 9 at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church in Marion.

The musical group – which played instruments including two trumpets, a French horn, a trombone and a tuba – offered its first winter holiday performance in the hope of bringing people back to the simpler joys of this time of year.

"I get really disgusted with the commercialism of the season, and I have yearning for something that is not that way," explained Bob Katcher – a member of the

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In addition to singing traditional favorites – which the quintet played by audience request throughout the night – the group shared their favorite holiday memories.

"[The audience was] talking about Christmases when they were kids and what their traditions were. Before a song about a Christmas tree – we asked them 'How do you get your tree?', 'How did you decorate it ' and what was going on for them at that time. We got some interesting stories," Mr. Katcher said. He said these stories should be shared more often, especially with children.

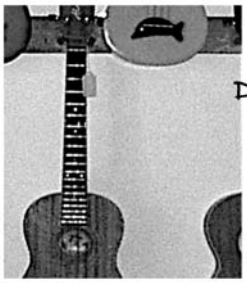
Mr. Katcher expressed some disappointment in the size of the audience and in the lack of children participants – but said he hopes to reschedule the event for a different time next year – perhaps early Sunday afternoon - to help draw in more families.

"We'd love to come back, learn from our experience, and do a better job," he said. St. Gabriel Church's Director of Music, Leslie Piper, said in time it is a hope that the event will become better known and anticipated by locals.

For the church's reverend, Jeffrey Piper, he said the tradition of singing fits in well with the church's mission.

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raise our souls and spirit, and music is one of those," Rev. Piper said. "To any degree that our parish can increase joy, that is part of the larger mission. Music is one of our ways to do that."

Scouts Raffle for 2012 Fun

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

The Cub and Boy Scouts of Marion Troop 32 held a raffle over the weekend, with winners walking off with a brand new girls' bike and boys' bike, junior size set of new golf clubs and six generous gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses.

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operations of the pack and troop," said Scoutmaster Doug Breault, "100 percent of the money goes into doing things for the scouts."

The new year will include a Pinewood Derby, where Cub Scouts carve a car out of a block of wood and race them on a downhill track. The track, in use for over ten years, was built by students at Old Colony Vocational Technical School in Rochester.

Other upcoming events include an overnight on the USS Battleship Massachusetts in Fall River. The event includes viewing the museums many artifacts, presentations on the ship's use during wartime and sleeping in bunks overnight.

A spring and fall campout is planned and possibly a trip to see a Providence Bruins hockey game. The scouts also march in the July 4th parade. A special trip to a rock climbing gym with a sleepover is also planned.

"The one unusual thing is that family are included in many of these events," said Terri Villa, troop treasurer, "even the girls join in every scouting event that is open to family and siblings." Ms. Villa's daughter, Peyton, participates in scouting events and helped with the raffle held over the weekend on both Saturday and Sunday. The scouts sat behind a table collecting money and filling in raffle tickets for the customers who came by to purchase their Christmas trees from a local landscape and garden store, where the raffle was held. A fishbowl held the tickets. A chimera with burning wood, brought by Ms. Villa, helped keep the children warm and created a cozy atmosphere.

"Scouting teaches the boys a lot of things they might not otherwise learn," said Mr. Breault. "We are strict with the boys, so they learn autonomy and self-reliance... and the flipside is that we also allow them to do

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things that they might otherwise not get to do, such as use pocket knives, paddle canoes, go on difficult hikes and campouts."

Over the past year, the scouts, under Mr. Breault's direction have focused on community service, volunteering at Gifts to Give, collected blankets for the Homeless Veterans Shelter, participated in the Veterans Day Service, held a sock drive for troops and 'adopted' two soldiers overseas.

Currently Cub Pack 32 and Troop 32 have approximately 40 Cub Scouts and 13 Boy Scouts. The Cubs range in age from 7 to 11 while the Boy Scouts are age 12 to 18.

The scouts meet at Sippican School, Camp Hadley



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Mattapoisett CVS Deal Terminated

Acceptable Design Agreement Not Met

By Anne Kakley

Mattapoisett property owner Wayne Walega confirmed on Tuesday that a deal to build a 13,000 square foot CVS pharmacy on the corner of Route 6 and North Street was terminated.

In a statement released from Walega Associates of 24 North Street, the deal termination was due to "development issues that could not be resolved... after a year of on and off discussions between the parties".

Neighbor reaction to the proposal was largely negative, with some abutters sending letters to the *Wanderer* editor expressing concern about the impact a CVS could have on area traffic and Mattapoisett's aesthetic.

At a November 21 meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board, Mr. Walega and CVS developer representative Paul Beck had presented preliminary plans showing the large building flush on the corner of Route 6 and North Street, with entrances and exits on North and Mechanic Streets. As a part of the construction at the Village Business-zoned site, three buildings, including a historic multi-unit home, a single-family residence and the former location of Seaport Village coffee shop would have been razed.

The planning board showed concern for the scope of the project, saying that 65 parking spaces and a large building would create a lot of traffic issues for the location, and would open the door to further chain development on the Route 6 corridor of Mattapoisett.

"If you're coming into Mattapoisett, this CVS building is the first thing you're going to see. I can imagine the public hearings we're going to see," said board member Robert McNamara said at the meeting. "You are picking a primo spot in Mattapoisett, and telling the people that they are going to triple the traffic there."

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The plans for a CVS had included a drive-thru for the pharmacy. Planning Board Chairman Thomas Tucker had informed Mr. Walega at the meeting that drive-thrus were prohibited by Mattapoisett bylaws, and could only be obtained through a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Beck had emphasized the importance of a drive-thru for CVS's interest in proceeding with the new location.

Mr. Walega, a resident of North Street himself, said that he wanted to work with CVS to construct a building with dormers and architectural detail that would fit into a seaside community. According to Walega Associates, Mr. Walega "requested that CVS build a building that would be traditional in architectural design

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much like certain CVS sites located in similar towns on the Cape. Unfortunately, an acceptable design could not be agreed upon between the parties."

A major issue in the agreement was the size of the proposed building, Mr. Walega said.

At this time, Mr. Walega said that he has no further development plans for the site and he "hopes to re-lease [the] units to businesses that will serve the greater Mattapoisett community."

A call seeking comment from CVS developer firm Gershman, Brown, and Crowley was not returned before *Wanderer* deadline.

Marion Thanks Board Members for Service

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

Instead of looking at an agenda, those who serve on town boards socialized with one another at the annual Town House potluck holiday gathering held at the Marion Music Hall on Tuesday evening.

"We have this event, in the spirit of the season, to thank everyone who volunteers to come out, often in the evening, away from their families at the dinner hour, to serve on committees in our town," said Paul Dawson, Town Administrator. "We appreciate their service."

The venue was decorated in festive holiday decor by Steve Gonsalves, a member of the Marion Planning Board and the owner of a local landscape and garden business. Truman Terrell, a member of the Marion Music Hall Committee played the piano, providing an upbeat holiday feeling to the event.

Select Board Chairman Jonathan Henry spoke to the crowd and said that back in 1852, when the Marion Music Hall was built, it was a time of great discussion about taxation. "Taxation was an issue then and is still the issue... look at Congress," said Selectman Henry.

"We have jobs to do, to deliver services to the citizens of Marion. But we have a higher purpose of what is behind what we do... to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and instruct the ignorant," he said.

Selectman Henry spoke about the past year and the retirement of Helene Craver and the memories he felt after looking at the photo taken on the Town House steps

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on her last day in office. "Let's also think about those no longer with us, who served on the town's behalf," said Selectman Henry.

"We want to say thank you, from the Town of Marion, to all of you for your commitment and service to the town," he said.

Over 60 people attended the event, including board members from the Council on Aging, Conservation Commission, Cultural Council, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Marion School Committee, Alternative Energy, Recreation Board, Pathways Committee, Cemetery Commission, Elizabeth Taber Library Board members and many others.

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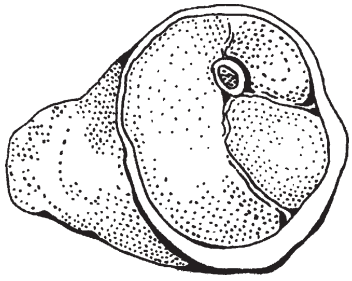
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"It's fun to gather in a non-working environment to socialize," said Susan Schwager, Director of the Council on Aging, "usually we only see each other at board meetings where we work together to tackle the business issues of the COA."

According to Deb Paiva, organizer of the annual event, planning starts in November with the date selected for the potluck supper. "It's been a great evening for us all," said Ms. Paiva.

Selectmen Promote Days to Captain

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Anne Kakley

The Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen promoted Sergeant Anthony Days to the officer rank of Captain at their meeting on December 13. The new appointment would furnish the town with a second-in-command to the police chief.

Police Chief Mary Lyons met with the Board to explain the process that resulted in the recommendation to promote Sergeant Days. Chief Lyons, along with Town Administrator Michael Gagne and three police chiefs from other Massachusetts municipalities, spent a day on an "Assessment Center Exercise", grilling two finalists on their abilities to react to stressful emergency situations, personnel issues, budgeting, and the media.

An objective assessment determined that Sergeant Days came out as the stronger applicant, said Chief Lyons.

"I think the process was very fair. I think both of the candidates thought the process was very fair," said Chief Lyons.

"You never know what is going to happen," said Mr. Gagne, who said that the town would benefit from having a Captain in the Chief's absence. "You have to have someone ready to take command of an event if the chief is [absent]."

As recommended, the Board approved the appointment, with Selectman Jordan Collyer recusing himself, citing a "close relationship" to one of the

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applicants.

In a second appointment, the Board learned that the Mattapoisett Heritage Days might not occur in 2012 if volunteers are not found soon. Volunteer Bobbi Gaspar said that, despite a banner year of interest, good press, and a profit, the annual event is in danger if the committee can't get more help.

Heritage Days, which started in 2007 when the town celebrated its sesquicentennial, celebrates trades and industries native to Mattapoisett and the SouthCoast at large. Various themes have included farming, "Old Mattapoisett", and whaling.

At the onset of Heritage Days, there was a volunteer pool of almost 20 people. That number is now down to four, and Ms. Gaspar said that the event could not go forward until they had at least 10 volunteers.

The committee meets once a month from January until August and commitment levels can vary, said Ms. Gaspar. "I would really like to see this happen again. It's a great time for the town to get together… for the town to learn something about its history… I hate to see it go but it's just not possible with what we have here," she said.

An informational meeting for people interested in volunteering will take place on January 17, 2012 at the Mattapoisett library at 6:30 pm. Those willing to lend their talents should attend the meeting or contact Ms. Gaspar for more information: theseamstress@Verizon.net.

In the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Gagne informed the Board that he was taking steps to bring additional senior housing to the town.

About a year ago, the Mattapoisett Affordable Housing Strategy plan was approved at the state level, and Mr. Gagne said that it was time to make housing a reality for seniors who might otherwise have to move out of their hometown.

"I really think that's a sad sort of scenario," said Mr. Gagne, who said that the number of seniors in Mattapoisett is growing, and the number of seniors living at the poverty level is also growing.

The first stage of the process will involve a study to determine needs and feasibility, said Mr. Gagne. After that, funding options, locations and designs will be

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considered. The whole process will take at least a year, he said.

$25,000 in funding from the Community Preservation Committee has been approved to get the research process started, Mr. Gagne said, with that total needing approval at annual town meeting. Once the housing plan is "documented and well-prepared", the town will approach Mass Development for advice on how to fund the project.

Even with the project proposal, "It's going to be a while before we're at the magic 10 percent number," Mr. Gagne said.

In action items, the Board:

• Voted to appoint Ann Briggs to the Town's Tree

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Committee.

• Voted to cancel the December 27 meeting.

• Voted to approve all remaining 2012 license renewals.

• Voted to approve a 2:00 am New Year's Eve closing for on premise liquor establishments.

• Voted to send a letter of support to the Division of Marine Fisheries for Mattapoisett to engage in a regionalized scallop restoration effort with other local municipalities included in a $11 million Buzzard's Bay Oil Spill Restoration Fund.

Sperry Tents Parking Issue Discussed

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

Resolution on the issue of whether Sperry Tents can park its company vehicles at its residential neighbor's property was explored at the Rochester Planning Board's meeting on Tuesday, December 13.

Earlier this fall, Marjorie Skrutski of 10 Marion Road received a cease and desist order after allowing Sperry Tents to park on her property without authorization. The Building Commissioner determined that she could not use her property for commercial purposes without undertaking proper permitting, as her home is zoned residential.

Ms. Skrutski had sought out a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals in late October for an accessory use to allow the parking – but the ZBA handed over the case to the Planning Board to determine appropriate next steps.

At its latest meeting, Planning Board members discussed a recent site visit to the property, and a review of the legal issues to allow the parking.

Chairman Arnie Johnson said many questions linger on how Ms. Skrutski can receive authorization, and whether any approval would affect future residential or business owners of the properties. He said he is waiting to hear from Town Counsel Blair Bailey for clarity on these legal issues.

Board member Gary Florindo floated the idea of Ms. Skrutski pursuing a variance to operate a parking lot. That way, he said Ms. Skrutski's application would be

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separate from any site plans of Sperry Tents.

"It should be done individually, it should be kept separate," he said.

"That's a good idea," weighed in Susan Teal. "If they did that, they could rent to everybody."

The board acknowledged that Sperry Tents would still have to modify its plan to show changes that stemmed from its new access way to Ms. Skrutski's property. Mr. Florindo also suggested that she change the route to the parking area so it remains on her property.

In other matters, Mr. Johnson reported that a neighbor had approached the Planning Board about new activity taking place at RF Morse. After an absence of use, greenhouses at the site are being used again to grow vegetables for the wholesale market, he said. The site of new equipment at the property spurred the neighbor's "concern."

Mr. Johnson said that the issue is not within the Planning Board's purview, as RF Morse received proper approval from the Building Commissioner and Board of Health to proceed.

"I don't think there will be retail," he added.

Lastly, the board set aside a meeting on Monday, January 23 to work on the Village Center Overlay District, Agricultural Overlay District and Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The board is planning to propose related bylaws at Rochester's next spring annual town meeting.
The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2012.

Center School Clock Funding OK'ed

Mattapoisett Community Preservation Comm.

By Anne Kakley

The Mattapoisett Community Preservation Committee reviewed several applications for Community Preservation Act funds and voted to approve four community projects for funding. Under the Community Preservation Act, communities elect to use a portion of their property taxes to fund open space, recreational, historical and housing initiatives.

Applications that were approved to be placed for recommendation on the annual Town Meeting warrant

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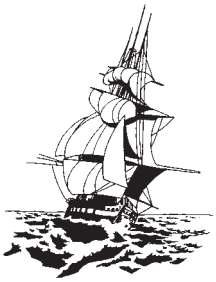
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were:

• $25,000 for an affordable housing trust to study the need and potential locations for senior housing for Mattapoisett residents.

• $51,500, as requested by Ray Andrews, to be combined with private funding to remove, repair, and reinstall the Seth Thomas clock at the Center School. The 1898 weight pendulum clock was recently removed by Balzer Family Clock Works, of Freeport, ME, for restoration.

"For the first time in 113 years, the clock [will] be viewable by the public," Mr. Andrews had said on October 20, 2011, in a presentation to the CPC. "It's the town's jewel. It's a historical artifact."

• $25,000, as requested by Barry Denham of the Cushing cemetery corporation, to repair a 19th century wrought iron fence alongside the cemetery, abutting Acushnet and Mendell Roads.

• $37,000 as requested by Bonne DeSousa and Stephen Kelleher of the Mattapoisett Bike Path Committee, for engineering and legal work needed on a YMCA/Reservation Golf Course easement. The easement would help achieve Phase 1B of the project, which would connect the bike path to Depot Street.

A $300,000 request from the Coalition for Buzzard's Bay to purchase land in the Brandt Island/Nasketucket Bay area was not approved by the CPC for placement on the annual Town Meeting warrant.

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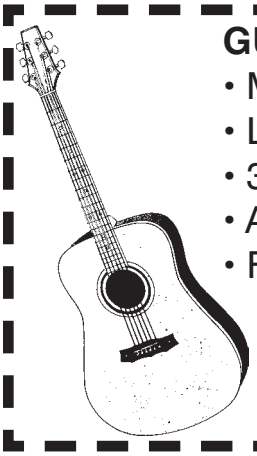
Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

A Mattapoisett resident who dumped unauthorized fill on town-owned land for better beach access was ordered by the Conservation Commission at its December 12 meeting to stabilize the pile. The stabilization is a stopgap measure as the resident pursues necessary permitting so town officials can determine whether the fill will stay or go.

Through his representative Steve Gioiosa of Sitec Engineering, Paul St. Pierre of 25 Main Street apologized for placing the fill, saying that he was not aware of the town's requirements triggered by taking such an action. Mr. Gioiosa said his client placed the dirt to create a more gradual incline on old steps leading to a public walkway behind his property.

In the discussion with the Conservation Commission, Mr. Gioiosa said that his client is hoping to work with the town to allow the fill. He said conversations already have taken place with Town Administrator Michael Gagne, who suggested that the applicant review bike path plans – which would incorporate the walkway – from CLE Engineering to ensure his plans are in harmony with the path.



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Now Mr. Gioiosa said his client is trying to get the proper permitting as the fill is within the coastal zone and 100-foot wetlands barrier. Currently he is surveying area wetlands and preparing to submit a related Notice of Intent to the commission on the matter.

The commission, which already voted to allow Building Inspector Andrew Bobola to take any enforcement action if required, ordered the applicant to stabilize the fill within seven days. Mr. Gioiosa said the client would oblige, and that silt fencing and straw will be utilized to prevent erosion.

ConCom Chairman Peter Newton stressed, however, "I need to be clear that filing an NOI doesn't guarantee we'll approve it."

"I tell my clients that all the time… There are no assurances in the permitting process," replied Mr. Gioiosa.

In other business, the board continued a hearing until January 9, 2012 regarding a Request for Determination of Applicability application for Main Brook Realty Trust – which sought to replace a corrugated steel culvert at 38 Hollywoods Road.

Representing the client, Mr. Gioiosa explained that a contractor would replace the "rotting out" culvert with reinforced concrete in about a week's time. He said the collapsed culvert in the long term poses a safety hazard, especially to navigation, and needs to be replaced soon to avoid future problems.

The Conservation Commission, however, would not give Main Brook Realty Trust a negative two determination, which essentially would allow the applicant to move forward, until more information is providd.

"I'm concerned by the lack of detail. It's fine to come in and save it, but if it is going to be a complete replacement, we will need to know if there is any additional impact on the resource area," said ConCom member Bob Rogers, prompting the board to postpone the matter until January.

In other business, the board:

• Approved a Notice of Intent from Henry and Lisa Segalas to raze the garage, breezeway and concrete patio to construct additions at 9 Bay Road

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• Approved the razing and rebuilding of a dwelling, and the construction of a new driveway, at 7 Cedar Road with applicant Cedar Realty Trust.

The next ConCom meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2012.

Multi-Family Application Withdrawn

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals took up the question of whether 479 Snipatuit Road is a three-family dwelling, or a single-family residence, at its December 8 meeting.

Owner Roger Deneault insists that his property is indeed a three-family dwelling and purchased it for that purpose. However, Building Commissioner James Buckles disagreed and recently placed a Cease and Desist on the property, which currently is being used as a three family.

To overturn the decision, Mr. Deneault approached the ZBA for a Special Permit to formally determine that the residence incorporates three separate

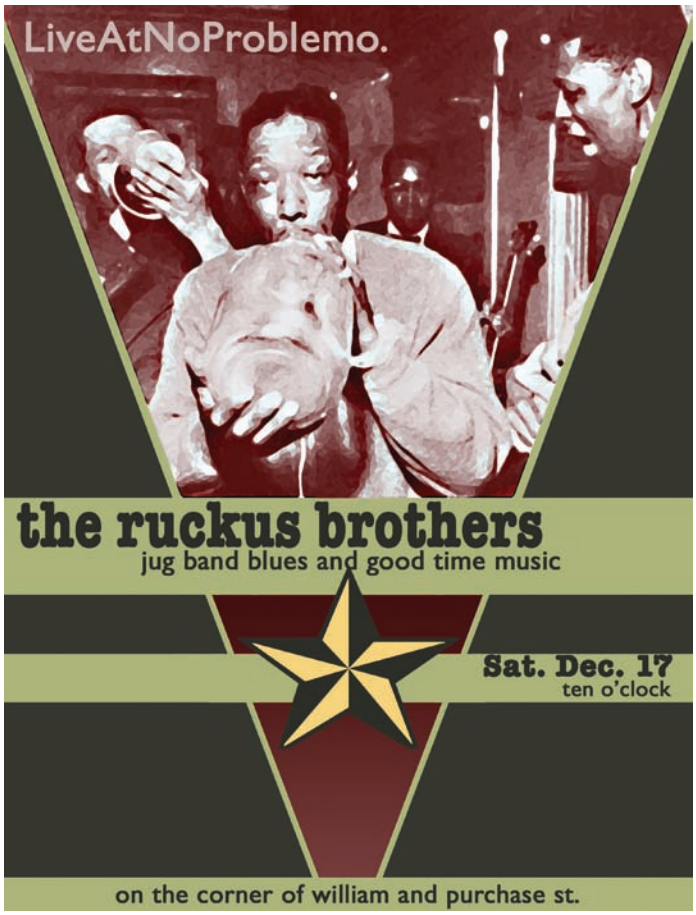
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"We bought it as a three-family, and the assessors have looked at it as a three family," said Mr. Deneault, with assessors' information in hand.

However, the board said that assessors' documents are not legally binding, and they would need official paperwork showing that designation. The board found that the applicant had an incomplete application and voted to withdraw it without prejudice to allow time for the applicant to present additional paperwork.

The hearing attracted a full room of neighbors and town officials, including Town Administrator Richard LaCamera, Mr. Buckles, and Town Counsel Blair Bailey, and representation from the Police Department. Mr. LaCamera said the homeowner was informed that the residence is not a three family, but moved forward with related renovations anyway.

The next two hearings concerned 425 Neck Road. Richard Charon, on behalf of applicants Andrea and Donald King, requested and received a variance from setback requirements for an addition to their home on that property. The 1930s cottage is inches away from Snipatuit Pond and along an incline, thus could only expand in a direction that surpasses allowable setback requirements.

Mr. Charon noted that he is happy that the new homeowners are trying to preserve the "old stone cottage" instead of tear it down.

"The town is fortunate. This is an icon. Anyone who knows the pond, knows this place. It stands out," he said.

The board did not, however, approve a variance request for a 400 square foot guesthouse on that same property. Under town bylaws, guesthouses up to 300 square feet are allowed, but an increase from that size triggers a need for ZBA approval.

The board found that the applicants failed to demonstrate a financial or geographic hardship to allow for an increase, although the site contains ruins of a former guesthouse of that size. The board withdrew the application without prejudice, and recommended investigating whether a Special Permit would be a more



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In other business:

• The board approved a variance to allow for the construction of a detached three-car garage at 449 North Avenue for applicant Steven Demmer.

• The board continued a hearing indefinitely for Marjorie Skrutski, who is expected to go to the Planning Board with a request to allow Sperry Tents to park on her property.

The next hearing is scheduled for December 22.

FY 2013 Budget Process on Horizon

Mattapoisett School Committee

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

The funding of a new position for a technology director topped the wish list in a discussion of the fiscal year school budget for 2013, which geared up when the Mattapoisett School Committee met on Monday at Center School.

Chairman Grace Knox asked each of the principals to prepare a list of weighted priorities for the school board to use during budget crunch time.

Superintendent Doug White said that he had recently met with town managers and they wanted to look at two scenarios: a level services budget (same services as FY 2012) and a level funded budget (same dollars as FY 2012).

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like to continue with level service, if fiscally possible," said Mr. White. In the discussion, it was noted that the towns fund approximately 90% of the school budget, while the state funds the difference through Chapter 70 monies.

In other business, Ms. Knox reported that a recent ORCTV program focused on a discussion by the librarians from Center School and Old Rochester Regional Junior High School on the various services offered to students. Ms. Knox publicly thanked community member Kate Brown who e-mailed Ms. Knox with a link to a study which showed a direct connection between student library spending and student success.

In her Principal's Report, Ms. Bowman reported

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that all students in grade three will participate in an English Language Arts/Reading assessment on January 5, 2012, using an assessment tool, known as Galileo. The assessment will help identify students' weakness and proficiencies in performance levels prior to the Spring 2012 MCAS assessment. A Math assessment will be given to all grade three students on March 13, 2012.

Students and staff at Center School participated in a Lockdown Drill and an Evacuation Drill on Monday, December 5. All students, staff and people from the Council on Aging walked to the Congregational Church Hall as part of the drills. Two Mattapoisett police officers were on duty throughout the drill and closed Barstow Street to traffic during the drill. Principal Bowman reported that all went well, with directions followed by students and staff.

Old Hammondtown principal Matt D'Andrea presented next and said that the recent Staff vs. Sixth Grade Basketball game, which was held at ORRHS last Friday was a hit, with the students winning the game. The event raised $145 for St. Vincent dePaul Charities. "The Pep Band and Cheerleaders helped make the event fun for everyone," said Mr. D'Andrea.

Mr. D'Andrea reported that on Tuesday, December 20, all OHS students will attend the Center School Holiday Show at 1:45. All OHS students will be dismissed from Center School.

Curriculum Director Elise Frangos presented her report and commented on a recent talk on Brain Dominance which sparked discussion among the board members. Committee member Charles Motta said he was intrigued by some of the information and casual tests and role playing in the session. "Learning more about this topic can eliminate a mismatch between your gift and career," said Ms. Frangos.

In other business, the board approved the addition of the town of Norton as a member of the Regional Educational Assessment and Diagnostic Services (READS) in the regional collaborative. At the last meeting, the Town of Acushnet was also approved as a READS member. "The more towns included in the program, the better it is for the children in it," said Terri Hamm, Director of Student Services.



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In other business, the committee heard from Food Services Director Caitlyn Meagher who reported that Center School had a lunch participation of 51% in November and Old Hammondtown was at 53 percent. Ms. Meagher said that she recently attended a seminar on how to boost students participation in purchasing school lunch and has visited other school district's food service facilities to meet with food directors to get ideas on how to make the lunch offerings more appealing. "Giving out free samples and making the food presentation more appealing is helping," said Ms. Meagher.

In other news:

• Members of the OHS Knitting Club will present three blankets to Beacon Hospice this Thursday. The ceremony will be held at the Mattapoisett Public Library.

• Old Hammondtown School will offer after school foreign language classes starting in January. Latin and Spanish classes will be taught to 4, 5 and 6 graders by high school students.

• The minutes from the regular session on November 21, 2011 were approved.

Sippican Safety Patrol Heading to DC

Marion School Committee

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

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vacation in 2012. Such a trip was approved by the Marion School Committee at their meeting on December 7.

The safety patrol consists of 30 students in grades 5 and 6 who volunteer to assist younger students in getting coats on and escorting them to and from their buses for the arrival and dismissal each day.

"Our plan is to leave that Thursday and return on Sunday," said trip coordinator and parent Stacey Soucy. Ms. Soucy presented a detailed plan with a sample itinerary, including a White House tour, a visit to the Smithsonian Institute and various monuments. "We are using the Smithsonian Student Travel organization," said Ms. Soucy. The estimated cost per person is $570, which, through fundraising, is now at $500 per person. According to Ms. Soucy, fundraising efforts will continue through February and may further reduce the cost per person. The board approved the trip.

Lyn Rivet, Principal of Sippican School said that the school is investigating a new way of grading students using a licensed software tool. PowerGrade is being investigated and experimented with for possible future use at the school. Several parents attended the meeting and expressed opinions on the current grading system used in report cards to parents on their children's progress.

"We need to focus on what the grades mean," said Kim Berg, a parent attending the meeting. "When we go from a zero to four scale to a two to four scale... it



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makes it more unclear as to where the child is," said Ms. Berg. Another parent spoke and said that learning should be shown in a graph like fashion, with the goal at the end representing the learning achieved during the school year. A lively discussion ensued on the ways children are graded and whether teachers should focus on only one or two subjects rather than be expected to be proficient in every area. Chairman Brad Gordon said that the PowerGrade software is being investigated and studied and is not currently in use at the school.

Ms. Frangos, Director of Curriculum, reported that Grade 6 students attended the ORRHS play, *The Triangle* and had a follow up writing assignment on the play where they wrote to the actors and actresses commenting on their role in the play. Ms. Frangos read excerpts from some of the students letters, showing how the event triggered appreciation and understanding of both the incident behind *The Triangle* and those interpreting it by acting in the play.

In other business, the board approved the addition of the town of Norton as a member of the Regional Educational Assessment and Diagnostic Services (READS) in the regional collaborative. At the last meeting, the Town of Acushnet was also approved as a READS member. "The more towns included in the program, the better it is for the children in it," said Terri Hamm, Director of Student Services.

Facilities Manager, Steven Murphy presented a Capital Improvement Requirement report generated from his tour of and meeting with the Town of Marion's Capital Improvement Committee. The list depicted a maintenance plan designed to address capital needs based on a facility audit conducted in June of 2010 and revised in September of 2011.

At the top of the list was the repair of a ground water leak in the 1954 section of the building, estimated to cost $12,500. The work included a ground water study and removing the floor and installing a French drain, sump well and pump.

Mr. Murphy, along with Board Chairman Brad Gordon, thanked the Town of Marion's Capital Committee for the work done in surveying every aspect

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of the physical plant of the school and noting work to be done to maintain and keep ahead of future building issues at the school.

Food Director, Katelyn Mahar said that she had visited other elementary schools that had successful school lunch programs to get ideas on how to improve participation by students. "Providing samples, better display of offerings and figuring out how to reduce the backup of students lining up for lunch are areas to focus on," said Ms. Mahar.

Committee member Christine Winters suggested working with Principal Rivet in staggering the start times for lunch by approximately five minutes, similar to the way recess is staggered.

Ms. Isernio said that the budget was "on target and on schedule". The board approved transfers totaling $107,299.59, with $36,381.87 in contractual obligations for teachers and $70,917.72 for other obligations including gas and electricity bills.

Honor Bowl Team Wins Again

School Report

By Anne Smith

Things at Old Rochester Regional High School have once again settled down, just as they always do just before the holiday vacation. There are, however, some important announcements for students.

First, seniors should be aware that they are to bring a copy of all college correspondences to the registrar in the guidance office – this includes both college acceptance letters and letters expressing awarded scholarships. The guidance office needs these letters for the Senior Awards Night at the end of the school year in early June. Students should also inform their guidance counselors of scholarships that they have received, since these will listed during Senior Awards Night as well.

Second, there is an opportunity for underclassmen at Old Rochester Regional High School to attend the American Leadership Program, which is a summer program "focused on personal growth that provides an intellectual workout, teaches important life skills, and is an excellent enhancement to a college



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Third, students should be aware that it is once again time to think about building a team for Old Rochester Regional High School's annual in-school volleyball tournament. This tournament takes place during two of the school day's four blocks just before the student body leaves for the holiday vacation on December 22, 2011. Students who are interested in participating need to speak to either Ms. Cowen or Mr. Cabe in the school's gymnasium. Students should expect to miss those two classes if they choose to participate. Students should also be aware that the only students who will be allowed to watch the tournament will be those who have a directed study or free block during the tournament.

That would be all for this week's announcements. As to this week's news, the Old Rochester Regional Honor Bowl team of the National Honor Society had another grand victory at one of their academic trivia competitions. On Wednesday, December 7, the eight members of the Honor Bowl team traveled to Fairhaven High School with their advisor and coach, Ms. Dall, to

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compete against the Honor Bowl teams of Fairhaven High School and Wareham High School. In the match against Fairhaven High School, the Old Rochester Regional team was triumphant with a score of 210 to 70. In the match against Wareham High School, the Old Rochester team won 340 to 90. The team so far displays its strengths in literature, music, and science areas, as well as cooking — one team member came through on a tough question about okra. The next Honor Bowl trivia competition will be hosted by Old Rochester Regional High School. The members of the currently undefeated team hope to change the trend of double losses for hosting teams – both Seekonk and Fairhaven Honor Bowl teams lost their two matches on their own turf. Old Rochester Regional plans to do the opposite – win both, and remain undefeated in their season, which is the ultimate goal for Old Rochester Regional's dynamic team.

Winter Season Awaits

Sports Shorts

By India Krawczyk

Old Rochester Boys and Girls Track – The teams started off their season well on Saturday with a win against Diman High School. The girls swept the hurdles, with **Allie Saccone**, **Megan Bell**, and **Paige Santos** placing in the first, second, and third spots. Saccone also had a good day over at High Jump, where she won with a jump of 5′ 2″. **Megan Pachico**, **Sam Barrett**, **Katie**

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The meet was also successful for the boys, with **Nick Pacheco** winning the two-mile, **Mike Wyman** winning the thousand meter, and **David Friedman** winning the mile. In the 300, Dan Donohue placed first with newcomer to ORR **Nick Coehlo** coming in third.

Next up for both teams is Case and Bourne.

Other winter sports teams have yet to kick off their competitive seasons, but things are looking good. In boys' basketball, senior **Max Risch** is returning, along with **Teddy Kassabian** and other notable senior and junior players. The girls have a very young basketball team with no seniors players and juniors **Katie Wilbur** and **Abby Offringa** leading the team. In Hockey, senior **Max Sherman** is returning along with fellow senior **Jake Jaskolka**.

Some teams are playing with young talent, and some with old. Either way, it's shaping up to be a great season for ORR sports.

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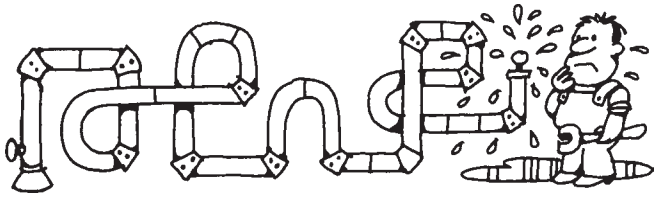
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To the Editor:

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American Legion December Meeting

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Information on the meetings, programs and hall rentals may be obtained by calling 508-758-9311.

ORR Hall of Fame Applications Sought

Applications are now being accepted for the Old Rochester Regional Athletic Hall of Fame. Applications will be accepted until January 1, 2012.

The ORR Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2011 to celebrate 50 years of athletic excellence at ORRHS and to honor alumni and coaches who represented the school with class, dignity, sportsmanship and distinction. There are a minimum of three and a maximum of five inductees each year.



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The application, which contains all requirements for nominations, is available at www.OldRochester.org. For more information, e-mail halloffame@ORRathletics.com

From the Mattapoisett Town Clerk

• **Hunting and Fishing Licenses** – Massachusetts Fisheries and Wildlife will no longer be printing paper licenses. They will not have to be accessed online and

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• **Mooring Inspection/Mooring Excise Tax** – If your mooring number is preceded by a letter (A-H), you should have received a letter and a mooring inspection form in the mail. The form must be on file in the Town Clerk's office before your 2012 payment will be accepted. Please be sure the form has been signed and dated before returning it. If per chance you did not receive this letter and form, please call the Clerk's office and one will be sent to you or if able, stop by and pick up the form. All excise taxes must be paid before your 2012 sticker and mooring/wharf or skiff payments will be accepted.

• **2012 Presidential Election Year** – College Students - Absentee ballot applications are available in the Town Clerk's Office. As soon as college students know their college address, they should stop by and fill in an application so that we can send them a ballot as soon as they are available in 2012. A parent may also file this form for them. Ballots cannot be picked up (unless you are voting in person, here in the office) they must be mailed. All instructions will be sent with the ballot. A parent or immediate family member may return the ballot to us, but it must be sent via the mail. If you have any question please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4103 ext. 2

Showstoppers Dinner for 2 Fundraiser

Give the gift that lasts all year long, and help a not-for-profit organization at the same time. During this holiday season and throughout the month of January, Showstoppers community-service singing troupe will be selling the Dinner For Two Dining Books at the regular cost of $29.95. Ten dollars of the purchase price will go to the Showstoppers organization.

This year's book features $1500 in savings at establishments across Southeastern Mass, including Cape Cod, as well as Newport and Providence. Each of the 100-plus "buy one, get one free" coupons is good through December 30, 2012.

To purchase a book, or for more information about Showstoppers, please call 508-758-4525 or email info@showstoppers.us.

Heritage Committee Members Needed

The Heritage Days Committee appreciates all the positive responses have received from Mattapoisett residents and guests who have enjoyed Heritage summer programs. The committee has had the pleasure of planning these events for several years – however, committee numbers have decreased. For another Heritage Weekend Celebration to happen, many energetic volunteers are needed to commit for at least one year to the planning, researching, and hosting of Heritage Days Activities. This involves monthly meetings between January and August to plan events. The process is exciting, a learning and sharing experience that can be very enjoyable and fulfilling.

An open meeting will be held on January 17 in the meeting room at the Mattapoisett Public Library, at 6:30 pm. Anyone who is willing to lend their ideas, talents and energy to bring about Heritage Days 2012, is welcome.

Please join if you have an interest in the cultural history of Mattapoisett and can commit for the 2012 season. Attendance at this meeting will determine if a program will be offered in 2012.

If you have further questions or concerns please contact Bobbi Gaspar. E-mail: theseamstress@verizon.net.

Marion Firefighter Spaghetti Dinner

The Marion Firefighters Association Spaghetti Dinner will take place at the Marion Fire Station, 50 Spring Street, on Saturday, January 21 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Dinner will include a garden salad, hot rolls, and dessert. Raffle tickets and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Tickets are $7.50 for adults, and $3.50 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Marion Art Center

• **Call for Artists**: The Marion Art Center invites artists to submit work for an exhibition and sale entitled "Images: The Lands of the Sippican Lands Trust". The exhibition will run from October 5 to November 10, 2012.

Maps of the trails for the Sippican Lands Trust properties may be picked up at the Lands Trust offices at 354 Front Street in Marion, or visit their website at: www.SippicanLandsTrust.org.

For more information or to register for participation, please call the Marion Art Center: 508-748-1266, or email: marionartcenter@verizon.net.

• **Open Auditions**: Open auditions for *Romantic Fools*, a comic vaudeville by Rich Orloff, will take place on Sunday, January 8 at 4:00 pm and Monday, January 9 at 7:00 pm. The play requires 11 males and 11 females.

The 11 two-character comedies examine love, lust, dating, and romance – from a date with a caveman to the joys of dull sex. With influences of Monty Python, Saturday Night Live, Jules Feiffer, the Marx Brothers, and classic vaudeville comedy, these sketches vary in style, but all celebrate the inherent comedy of male-female relationships. The show will run on March 16, 17, 18, 23 and 24.

• **Holiday Shop** – The Marion Art Center kicked off the holiday season with a gala reception for the opening of its 28th annual Holiday Shop on Friday, **November 18**. Party-goers were entertained by Truman Terrell on piano as they shopped and dined on delicious hors d'oeuvres provided by the Exhibition Committee. The juried exhibition and sale is installed in both galleries

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Jewelry artists Toni Cardoza, Lynn Hahn, Harmony Winters, Emily Condon, and Liz LaValley offer an assortment of hand crafted earrings, bracelets and necklaces. Ceramics by Karen Zaharee, Alexandra Santilli, Tessa Morgan, and Kim Barry are displayed throughout the galleries. Carved wood items include mermaids and fish by Paula and Joe Pellerin, shore birds by Mike McCarthy, weather vane seagulls by Captain Bill MacDougall and bowls made of exotic woods by Lynn Clapham, along with hand crafted wooden harps by Al Winters. There are oils, pastels, watercolors and acrylics by artists Patricia White, Cynthia Getchell, Molly Hawley, Alice Shire, Sharlie Sudduth, and Carole Raymond. There are aerial photographs by Veronique Bale and giclee prints by Russell Saunders and prints, books and cards by Sharlie Sudduth. Veronique Bale is also featuring framed compositions of natural feathers. There are elegant scarves and shawls in hand-dyed silks and wools by Elizabeth Howland plus unique wrist warmers. Upstairs there are felted wool bags by Theresa Mattson and the children's corner includes colorful hand knitted hats by Lily Goldfarb, puppets by Barbara Harrold, doll clothes by Gretchen Joy and hand-painted stools and chairs by Sarah Brown, plus dog and cat toys by David Bill. Paula Cobb is offering some unique "garden bling" this year made from old teacups, plates and other re-purposed glass and porcelain items. There are leaded glass suncatchers by Peter and Tricia Guilday, hand blown glass spoon rests by Jackie Pinheiro, and earrings by Harmony Winters. There are ornaments on small trees by Flossie O'Donnell, Lissa Magauran, Donna Secour and Lissa's driftwood trees and sailboats, along with Flossie's hand beaded home accessories. Captain Michael Taylor has hand painted porcelain serving plates and platters painted with blue fish, striped bass, salmon, cheeses and oysters. Mary Ross has created whimsical mermaid collages and one of a kind shell trees. There are also hand painted holiday cards and gift tags by Patty White and Alice Shire. Young origami artist Aidan McEnroe has a colorful display of origami ornaments which includes strings of cranes, geometric



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ORRJHS Achievements

• **Students of the Month** – Old Rochester Junior High School principal Kevin Brogioli announces the following Students of the Month for November 2011:

Green Team: **Annie Henshaw** and **Connor Dugan**. Orange Team: **Lauren Ovian** and **Josh Winsper**. Blue Team: **Aubrie Isabelle** and **Sahil Raje**. Red Team: **Elizabeth Davis** and **Andrew Riggi**. Special Areas: **Sequoia Johnson** and **David Randall**.

• **High Honor Roll**: Jeremiah Brown Adams, Elexus Amberly Afonso, Haley Aguiar, Casey Linn Allaire, Johanna Evans Appleton, Ashley Marian Aruri, Samantha Lee Babineau, Julia Mead Barrett, Colleen Downey Beatriz, Isabella Josefine Bernardi, Julianna Emilia Bernardi, Evan Matthew Nolan Bishop, Rikard Johannes Bodin, John Patrick Breault, Jacob Paul Cafarella, Tessa Anne Camboia, Ashley Louise Clapp, Amanda Elizabeth Colwell, Erin Mary Costa, Mason Roy DaSilva, Campbell Standish Donley, Adam Bryan Estes, Katrina Elizabeth Farias, Lillie Marie Farrell, Daniel Patrick Fealy, Catherine Nichole Feldkamp, Nicholas James Ferreira, Abigail Burke Field, Elizabeth Julia Foley, Gavin Timothy Fox, Lauren Gaspar, Joseph Bernard Gauvin, Emma Frances Gelson,, Kathleen Louise Gifford, Jack Kendall Gordon, James Edward Goulart, Noah Curtis Greany, Brianna Noris Grignett, Hannah Elizabeth Guard, Jonathan Scott Harris, Lillian Annagh Healy, Sean Michael Hopkins, Aubrie Rose Isabelle, Caleb Nathan Jagoda, Serena Mae Jaskolka, Meghan Renee Johnson, Riley Carter Johnson, Sequoia Ashley Johnson, Emily Lucia Josephson, Jane Louise Kassabian, Jessica Rose Keegan, Mallory Rose Kiernan, Isabella Rosanna King, Samantha Leann Kirkham, Edward Tarleton Krawczyk, Jonathan David Kvilhaug, Molly Katherine Lanagan, Keegan Elizabeth Lant, Diana Jeanne LaRock, Madeleine Olivier Lee, Joshua Michael Lerman, Kylie Patricia Machado, Hayli Lynn Marshall, Nicole Elizabeth Mattson, Jordan Elizabeth McArdle, Lillian Rose McIntire, Mary Katharine McIntire, Alexandra Taylor Melloni, Matthew Ronald Merlo, Madeline Rose Meyer, Morgan Kay Middleton, Lucy Elizabeth Milde, Abigail Victoria Morrill, Madeline Sherman Morris, Victor Schoen Morrison, Lucas Robert Muther, Zenobia Ruth Nelles, Alexandra Lee Nicolosi, Brett Walker Noone, Riley Owen Nordahl, Lauren Kim Ovian, Alexis Julie-Ann Parker, Alexandria Paige Powers, Nicholas Robert Rego, Andrew Joseph

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9:00 AM – Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM – Physician Focus
11:30 AM – White House Chronicle
Noon – The Register's Report
1:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
1:30 PM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
2:00 PM – Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM – The First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM – New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:00 PM – Words of Peace
6:30 PM – Navigating the Way For Seniors
7:00 PM – Deutsche Welle - Arts.21
7:30 PM – Older and Loving It
8:00 PM – Sound Off
9:30 PM – ORCTV Community Announcements
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Monday December 19, 2011
8:00 AM – Deutsche Welle - Arts.21
9:00 AM – Your Money Your Life
9:30 AM – Your Next Bold Move
10:00 AM – Army News-watch
10:30 AM – White House Chronicle
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM – Robbi Around Town
3:00 PM – Words of Peace
4:00 PM – Earth Focus
4:30 PM - Explore
5:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
5:30 PM - Around BCC
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM – Your Daily Gumbo
8:00 PM - ORCTV Holiday 2011 Greetings
9:00 PM – Deutsche Welle - European Journal
9:30 PM – Global 3000
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
Midnight – Midnight Movie

Tuesday December 20, 2011
8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM – Graceful Aging
9:30 AM – ORCTV's Non Profit Highlights
10:00 AM - Senior Scene
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
2:00 PM - ATU and the Community
3:00 PM – ORCTV Community Announcements
5:30 PM - Graceful Aging
6:30 PM – The Dr. Is In
7:00 PM – Senior Scene
7:30 PM - ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
8:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers
9:00 PM - Robbi Around Town
10:00 PM – Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 PM – Physician Focus
11:00 PM – Free Minds TV
Midnight – Midnite Mausoleum

Wednesday December 21, 2011
8:00 AM – Cooking with Colby
9:00AM – Emily's Garden
10:00 AM – Cooking with Marie
10:30 AM - Living Healthy – with Jackie Bell
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - ORCTV Holiday 2011 Greetings
3:00 PM - Sci-Fi Journal
4:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
5:00 PM - The Register's Report
6:00 PM – Become Your Own Gym
8:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
9:00 PM – Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM - Paranormal Generation
Midnight – Midnight Movie
1:30 AM – Sci-Fi Journal

Thursday December 22, 2011
8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM – The Register's Report
10:00 AM – NASA 360
10:30 AM - Kids a Cookin'
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
3:30 PM – ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
4:00 PM – Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy - Steve Cassidy
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM – Alternative Root TV
10:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM – Midnight Mausoleum

Friday December 23, 2011
8:00 AM – Cooking with Colby
8:30 AM - ORCTV Community Announcements
10:00 AM – Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 AM – ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM – Emily's Garden
3:00 PM – Deutsche Welle - European Journal
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6:30 PM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
7:00 PM – Free minds TV
8:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
8:30 PM - Around BCC
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM – Paranormal Generation
Midnight – Friday Night at the Drive-In - Midnight Movies

Saturday December 24, 2011
7:00 AM – Classic Cartoon Festival
8:30 AM – Peek-a-boo Turtle
9:30 AM – NASA 360
10:30 PM - Go Fish – With Danny Kenney
11:00 AM – Kids a Cookin'
11:30 AM – ORCTV Holiday 2011 Greetings
2:00 PM – Around BCC
2:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
3:00 PM - Paranormal Generation
3:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
4:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
5:00 PM - The City of New Bedford's Arts & Culture Show
5:30 PM – Emily's Garden
6:30 PM – Upper Cape Tech Careers
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM – The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM – The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – Alternative Root TV
Midnight – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM – The Dungeon of Dreck

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Daily Schedule
8:00 AM – Marion School Committee
11:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Marion School Committee
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
9:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
8:00 AM – Rochester School Committee
11:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
3:15 PM - Rochester School Committee
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL
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Daily Schedule
8:30 PM - Mattapoisett School Committee - Education Matters
9:00 AM – Sippican School - Principal's Tea - October 26, 2011
9:45 AM - 2011 ORRHS John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipients
10:00 AM – ORRHS 2011 Homecoming Rally
11:00 AM – The Golden Age of Television
12:30 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents – Careers
1:00 PM - ORRHS - Haunted Laboratory
2:00 PM - Common Cents – Financial Literacy for Teens
3:00 PM - ORRHS 2011 Homecoming Rally
4:00 PM - ORRHS - Video Journalism Class Projects – 'PSAs'
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Mattapoisett Recreation

Sign ups for all winter activities offered by Mattapoisett Recreation will be held on Saturday, **December 17** from 9:00 to 11:00 am at Old Hammondtown School. All students from the Tri-Town are invited to participate: Basketball (grades 1-6), Hip Hop, Gymnastics, "Camp Rock 2" Theater, Irish Step Dance and more will be available. Please visit the town website for all information and registration forms: www.mattapoisett.net.

Memorial Plantings in Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Tree Committee has recently completed two Memorial Tree plantings: a new Pin Oak tree at Center School and a "Winter King" Hawthorn tree at the Mattapoisett Landing. These Memorial trees have recently been planted to honor the loved ones of two Mattapoisett families.

The holiday is a wonderful time to donate to the Mattapoisett Tree Committee, for preserving and

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Obituaries

The Rochester Police Department regrets to announce the passing of Retired Police Chief **Walter V. Denham**, 66, who succumbed to melanoma cancer on Sunday, December 4, 2011. He was a police officer for the Town of Rochester for 33 years including 16 years as the Police Chief until he retired in 2001.

Denham worked in the area until moving to Cape Coral Florida in 2006 with his wife Pam. He was Maintenance Supervisor for Burnt Store Marina.

Denham leaves behind his wife and best friend, Pam, his beautiful daughter, Amy Beth of North Ft. Myers, FL and a son, Christoper Scott of North Ft. Myers, FL, his three sisters, Diane Fielding of Wareham, MA, Gloria Scott (Skippy) of Cape Coral, FL and Mattapoisett, MA and Marjorie Denham of Middleboro, MA, his brother, Allen Denham (Tina) of Rochester, MA, along with nieces and nephews and several great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service in Massachusetts is being planned for the spring of 2012.



Robert S. Gaspar, 80, of Mattapoisett died December 8, 2011 at Sarah Brayton Nursing Home in Fall River after a brief illness.

He was the husband of the late Dorothy L. (Silveira) Gaspar.

Born and raised in Fall River, the son of the late Joao S. and Stella (Rego) Gaspar, he lived in Mattapoisett since 1970.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Survivors include his 6 children, Sheryll A. Rodrigues and her husband Gene of Fall River, Dr. Lisa M. Salvatore and her husband Michael of Connecticut, Marc A. Gaspar and his fiancée Whitney Mitcheson of Wareham, Susan Sartini Perry and her husband Vernon of Lakeville, Joann L. Silva of Norman, OK and Matthew J. Silva of Mattapoisett; 7 grandchildren, Becky, Kyle, Brad, Neil, Alex, Lindsay and Orion; 3 great-grandchildren, Morgan, Miles and Jack; and several nieces and nephews.

His visiting hours were held on Sunday, December 11th from 3-7 PM with his Funeral Service at 4 PM during the visiting hours in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6) Mattapoisett. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com

Mary B. (Barros) Offley, 90, of Marion died Sunday, December 11, 2011 at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford. She was the wife of the late Andrew C. Offley.

Born in Marion, she graduated from New Bedford Vocational High School. A long time resident of Wareham and Marion, she worked as an assembler at Aerovox in New Bedford.

She was a communicant of St. Rita's Church in Marion and enjoyed sewing, crocheting and cooking. She was known for her stuffed quahogs and "munchupa". Survivors include three daughters, MaryJean "Tiny" Babbitt and her partner Albert Barrett of Boston and Melinda L. Monteiro and her husband Michael and Melody Rose and her husband Robert all of New Bedford; two sons, William "Bill" DeBarros and Warren "Timmy" DeBarros both of New Bedford; her brother, Alfred Barros of Marion; three sisters, Hilda Silva of Marion, Sally Seeley of Wareham and Mary B. Barros of Randolph; her step-daughter, Pearl L. Kydd of Amherst. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild and many nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Armando Barros, Julio Oliveira, Jr., Alice Cruz, Helen Lopes and Lillian Rose.

Her funeral was held at the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Highway (Rt. 28), Wareham on Wed., Dec. 14, 2011 at 8:30 AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Rita's Church, Front St., Marion at 9:30 AM. Interment took place in the Mass. National Cemetery, Bourne. Visiting hours were Tues. from 4 – 8 PM.

Charles W. Smith of Englewood, FL and formerly of Mattapoisett, MA passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family on Dec. 5, 2011 at the age of 93.

He was born on Feb. 2, 1918 in Athens, OH and moved to Englewood, FL in 1984 from Mattapoisett, MA after a career that spanned 44 years in the Steel and Specialty Metals Industry. He graduated from Ohio University in 1939 and began his professional career at Armco Steel Corp. in Middletown, OH as a Metallurgical Research Engineer. He then transferred to the Armzen Co., a subsidiary of Armco, to work on the development of The Sendzimir Cold Rolling Mill for rolling metal strip to foil thickness. In 1952, he co-founded Rodney Metals Inc. in New Bedford, MA for the production of thin-wide steel and special alloys on The Sendzimir Mill. In 1968, Rodney Metals merged with Teledyne Inc. from which he retired in 1983 as Vice President of Teledyne-Rodney Metals.

He was a Life Member of ASM International, having joined The American Society for Metals in 1946. He was a member of The Board of Directors of United Fund and Jr. Achievement in New Bedford, MA as well as an active church member of both the Mattapoisett Congregational Church and the Englewood United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Boca Royale Golf and Country Club.

Survivors include three sons, David Gregory Smith of Middletown, NY, Lawrence Mason Smith of Maitland, FL, and Dwight Edgar Smith of Wakefield, MA; as well as 6 grandchildren, Suzanne, Ryan, Shane, Darby, Connor and Timothy. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 59 years, Margaret in 2002.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Englewood United Methodist Church and/or Tidewell Hospice, Inc. in Sarasota, FL.

Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Francine M. "Fran" (Raggiani) Fahey, of Sagamore Beach, passed away Thursday December 8, with her husband by her side.

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maintaining the tree canopy in Mattapoisett. Donations in any amounts can be made out to Town of Mattapoisett, PO Box 435, Mattapoisett, MA Attn: Tree Committee. For more information, please call Sandy Hering at 508-758-3008 or check the town web page and look for Tree Committee.

Old Rochester Youth Lacrosse

Registration is open for Old Rochester Youth Lacrosse, Spring 2012. Lacrosse is known as the fastest game on two feet! Sign up and join the fun. Tri-town girls and boys grades 1 through 8 are welcome. Please go to our website to register & for information: www.ORYLAX.com.

The deadline is **January 15**, 2012. Contact: info@orylax.com or amcintire@arm-co.com; Andrew McIntire at 508-758-3803 for more information. Old Rochester Youth Lacrosse is sponsored by the Mattapoisett Recreation Department.

Tinkhamtown Chapel Caroling

Holiday caroling at Tinkhamtown Chapel in Mattapoisett will be held on Saturday, **December 17** at 5:00 pm. The chapel is located at the end of Acushnet Road near Long Plain Road. Everyone is invited to join in this sing-along celebration of traditional holiday music. The chapel, quaintly lit by oil lamps and heated by a potbelly stove, provides the perfect old-fashioned setting. Any child who attends is invited to join in the children's choir. Proceeds from a free-will offering are used for the upkeep of the chapel. Children and adults who would like to share a favorite prose, song or instrumental, please call Kate Webb 508-801-1672 or Nancy Tinkham at 508-758-6249.

Brotherhood Holiday Party

The second annual holiday dinner party sponsored by the Marion Police Brotherhood will be held on **December 17** at the Marion Social Club at Noon. Tickets may be picked up at the Marion Council on Aging office, located in the Town House on Spring Street.

Mattapoisett Women's Club

MWC's Great Decisions Foreign Policy discussions begin **January 25**, 2012. The popular revolts and upheaval of the Arab Spring have radically changed the face of the Middle East. Come find out what lies ahead for the Middle East's transition to democracy as the Mattapoisett Women's Club offers the highly popular and thought provoking Great Decisions civic-education program of the Foreign Policy Association.

For discussions, the group will use the Great Decisions briefing book, which highlights eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans today. The publication provides background information, current data, and policy options for each of the eight issues and serves as the focal text for our discussions. Topics for 2012 include: Middle East realignment, Promoting democracy, Mexico, Cyber-security, Exit from Afghanistan and Iraq, State of the Oceans, Indonesia, and Energy geopolitics.

Great Decisions meets once a week on Wednesdays for eight consecutive weeks from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm beginning **January 25**, 2012 in the lower meeting room of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. The expected ending date is March 14. A snow date would extend the meetings to March 21.

Cost for the Foreign Policy Association publication providing background information on discussion topics is $28. The fee includes refreshments.





Fran is the beloved wife of 28 years of Robert M. "Rob" Fahey.

Fran was born in Brockton the daughter of the late Emilio and Beverly (Rebello) Raggiani.

A graduate of Stoughton High School and a1986 honors graduate of Dean College in Franklin with an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education. Fran was employed by the Diocese of Fall River at Saint Margaret Regional School in Bourne for 15 years. She was the Kindergarten Instructional Assistant and was also responsible for the planning and teaching of religious education for her young students. She cherished her time spent with her students and was much loved in return. Fran retired from her position in November of this year.

Fran was a communicant of Corpus Christi Parish in East Sandwich. She enjoyed reading, shopping at area craft fairs and small specialty stores looking for that unique gift. It was always a simple pleasure that brought her much happiness.

In addition to her husband Rob, Fran is survived by her children; Dorine Pinkham of Bridgewater, Tina Campanario of Rochester, Michael Fahey of Bourne and Brendan Fahey of Marshfield. She is the sister of Barbara Mondoor of Stoughton, Al Raggiani of Raynham and Janice Cunha of Stoughton.

She is also the loving grandmother of eight grandchildren, daughter in-law of Bob & Dotty Fahey of Franklin and many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Her funeral Mass was held on Tuesday December 13, at 10:30 am in Corpus Christi Parish 324 Quaker Meeting House Road (exit 3) East Sandwich, MA. Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Visiting hours were held on Monday December 12, from 4-8 pm in the church. In loving remembrance of Fran memorial gifts may be made to the McCarthy Care Center c/o Hospice and Palliative Care of Cape Cod 765 Attucks Lane Hyannis, MA 02601. Burial followed in Saint Peter's Cemetery (Grove St.) Sandwich. Arrangements by Wareham Village Funeral Home, 5 Center St., Wareham.

Ilene L.W. (Sadler) DaCruz, 88, of New Bedford died December 7, 2011 at Sippican Healthcare Center.

She was the wife of the late Robert M. DaCruz.

Born in New Bedford, the daughter of the late Leon E. and Rachel (Johnson) Sadler, she lived in Rhode Island for 46 years before returning to New Bedford 21 years ago.

Survivors include a son, Steven L. DaCruz and his wife Dolores of Providence; 2 daughters, Diane J. DaCruz-Pocknett and her husband Leonard of Mashpee and Claire A. DaCruz of New Bedford; a sister, Irene Gibson of New Jersey; 6 grandchildren, Michelle, Cherie, Glenn, Michael, April and Christiana; 7 great-grandchildren, Ryan, Jaron, Alexis, Robert, Christopher, Roiyal and Gabriella; several nieces and nephews.

She was the mother of the late Michael R. DaCruz and Lynn D. DaCruz, the grandmother of the late Koren L. DaCruz and Tina M. DaCruz and sister of the late Iris Fortes and Ivan G. Sadler.

Her Graveside Service was held on Wednesday, December 14th at 10 AM in Rural Cemetery. Arrangements were with the Saunders-Dwyer Home For Funerals 495 Park St. New Bedford. For on-line guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Maureen J. (Cronin) Barron, 51, of Henry St. died Wed. Dec. 7, 2011 at home after an illness.

She is survived by her husband of 21 years, Raymond E. Barron Jr.; a son, Raymond E. Barron III of Uxbridge; a daughter, Emily E. Barron of Uxbridge; her mother, Elizabeth A. "Betty" Cronin of Franklin; 2 brothers, George Cronin of Franklin, and Kevin Cronin of Rochester, MA; and several aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, and cousins. Born in Boston on Feb. 10, 1960 she was daughter of the late Mortimer J. "Mo" Cronin, was raised in Franklin, and lived in Uxbridge 22 years.

Maureen worked for Vendetti Motors as a school bus driver in Uxbridge for 12 years. She received Driver of the Year Award several years ago. Previously she worked as a receptionist for Caterpillar Co. in Milford and the Corning Class Co. in Medfield. She was a graduate of Franklin High School. She loved camping with her family and served as Activities Director for Holiday Acres Campground in N. Scituate, RI. A member of the Whitinsville Community Center she enjoyed working out and also played softball for the Vendetti Motor's softball team. She loved her job driving the kids to school on Bus 3 and will be remembered as a great mother and wife. She was a member of St. Mary's Church.

Her funeral was held Mon., Dec. 12 from Tancrell-Jackman Funeral Home, 35 Snowling Rd. with a Mass at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, 71 Mendon St. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery, Beaver St., Franklin. Calling hours at the funeral home were Sun., Dec. 11 from 1 to 5 p.m. Donations in Maureen's memory may be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Attn: Donor Services, Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309.

Irene L. Law, 92, of New Bedford died December 12, 2011 at the Oaks Nursing Home.

She was the wife of the late Raymond Law.

Born in Dudley, MA, the daughter of the late George and Victoria (Grescoviak) Kelley, she lived in New Bedford most of her life while wintering in Florida.

She was formerly employed by Anderson-Little as a sales clerk for many years until her retirement.

Mrs. Law was a communicant of St. Julie Billiart Church.

She enjoyed travel, Bingo and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Joyce Lawrence and her husband Robert W. of Ocoee, FL and Elizabeth Griggs and her husband Robert of Fairfield, CT; a sister, Elizabeth Livesey of Morresville, NC; 4 grandchildren, Kristin Querim of Mattapoisett, Robert J. Lawrence of Orlando, FL, Erin Hallisey of Brighton, MA and Carey Griggs of Fairfield, CT; 4 great-grandchildren.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, December 16 at 10 AM in St. Julie Billiart Church. Burial will follow in Acushnet Cemetery. Visiting hours Thursday from 4:30 - 7:30 PM in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6) Mattapoisett. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Please make checks payable to: Ellen P. Flynn and mail checks to Ellen P. Flynn, P.O. Box 1312, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 by Monday, December 19, 2011. For more information contact co-chairs: Ellen P. Flynn at 508-758-1312 or Eileen Marum at 508-758-9751.

Mattapoisett Free Public Library

• **Winter Storytimes** – Registration will begin for the Winter Storytime series on **December 27**. New this session will be the addition of a Thursday afternoon preschool session instead of the Thursday morning session. For more information, call the Children's Department at 508-758-4171.

• **Community Cafe** – Your library is a comfortable community center. Thanks to the Friends, you can drop by and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea for a small donation. Visit the reading room to relax and converse with friends. What a great way to spend a winter afternoon!

• **Family Storytime** – Families with children of all ages are welcome to enjoy some favorite stories together. If you have a favorite story, please bring it to share in this casual and fun storytime. Family Storytime is held on the first Saturday of each month, from 10:30 to 11:00 am. No registration required.

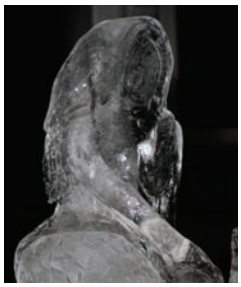
• **Movie Day** – Everyone is welcome to attend Movie Days, sponsored by the library's Junior Friends, who have raised money for a movie license. Bring your





TriTown Happenings

Marion ice sculptor Timothy Wade made this sculpture in Bicentennial Park as a part of a Marion holiday weekend that saw the Sippican Woman's Club House Tour and the Holiday Stroll. Photo by Felix Perez.







Members of the Marion Cub and Boy Scout Troop 32 conducted a raffle on December 10, 2011 to raise funds for 2012 activities. Left to right: Lucas Morrell, Dylan Villa, Hunter Gonsalves, Chris Savino and Peyton Villa pal around at the raffle. Photo by Joan Hartnett-Barry.



The children of Ms. Boudreau's kindergarten class were among the Center School students who enjoyed a visit from Mother Goose (Anne-Marie Forer) on the morning of December 9, 2011. The event was arranged by the Mattapoisett PTA, Arts and Humanities Committee. Photo by Anne Kakley.



The Sippican Women's Club hosted their 25th Holiday House Tour on Saturday, December 10, 2011. The theme this year – "A Tropical Christmas" – brought a splash of color to the annual event, along with sand, Tiki bars, and flamingo motifs. Even though it was a chilly December day, attendees enjoyed the warmth of the tropics on the tour. Next year, Handy's Tavern will be decorated to look like 1812. Photo by Laura Fedak Pedulli.



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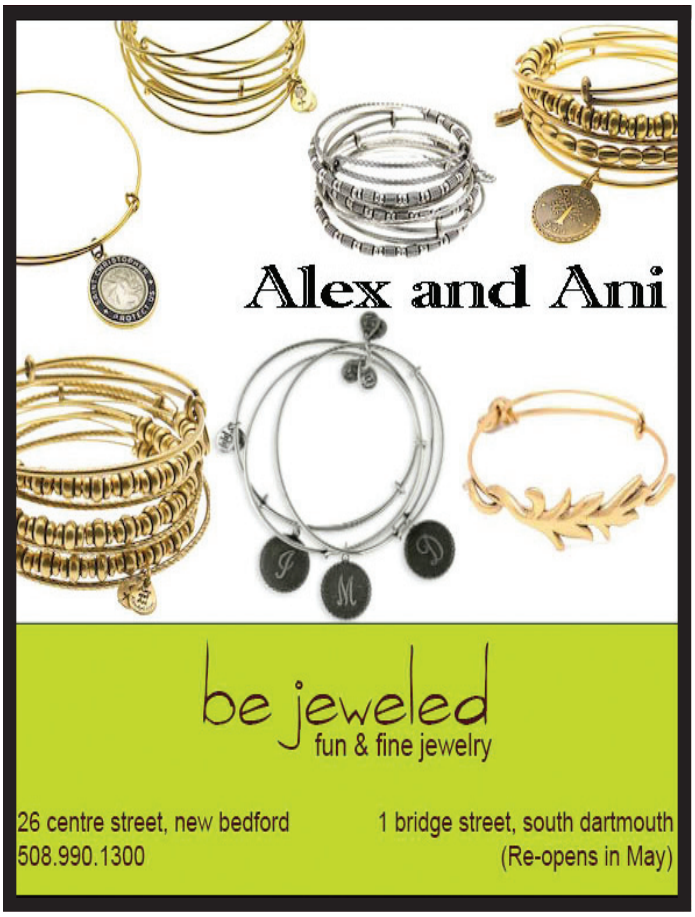
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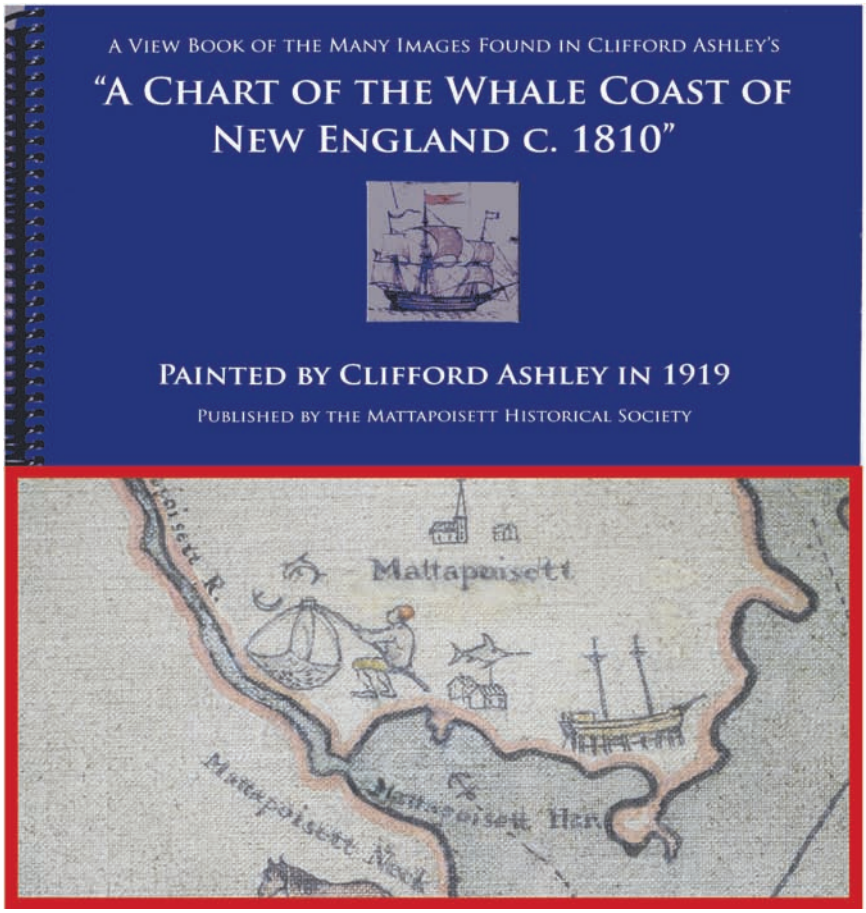
children and relax at the movies in the library's Meeting Room. Wednesday, **December 28** will be *Polar Express* at 1:00 pm and at 3:30 pm, *Elf* will be shown. The Junior Friends ask that you bring a canned good for donation to Damien's Pantry.

• **Winter Activities in the Children's Room** – Saturday, **December 17** features Ornament Making from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. There will be fun for all ages. On Saturday, **January 21**, 2012 there will be Snow Globe making from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Come explore how science and art can blend together to create a lasting memory. Participants will sculpt their own winter scene and preserve it in individual hand-made globes.

• **Cookbooks For Sale** – The Friends' new community cookbook is available for sale at the library. It includes delicious recipes submitted by local chefs and cookbook authors as well as members of the Friends and library patrons. These will make great gifts while also supporting the work of the Friends. The books are $10 each.

• **Technology Workshops** – Confused about





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TriTown Happenings



Rachael Stanton and Sue McMullen were among the revelers enjoying the holiday spirit at a Plumb Corner Holiday Celebration on December 10, 2011. Photo by Robert Chiarito.



The Quahog Quintet held a Holiday sing-a-long at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church on Front Street in Marion on December 9, 2011. The arrangement included lots of old favorites and some new carols as well. Photo by Laura Fedak Pedulli.









Santa, the Grinch, the Cottage Street Jam Band from Sippican School and a man on stilts were all part of the festivities at the annual Holiday Stroll in Marion village on Sunday, December 11, 2011. The Stroll ended at Bicentennial Park for a tree lighting at dusk. Photos by Felix Perez.

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• **Canned Goods for the Food Pantry** – The library is accepting nonperishables to help stock local food pantries. Feel free to bring you items to the library throughout the year. Also welcome are hats and gloves and new socks to be distributed to area shelters. Many thanks in advance for your thoughtfulness.

Plumb Library Events

• **Cafe Parlez** – Café Parlez selection for December is *The Princess Bride,* by William Goldman. Nearly everyone has seen the movie; now read the book! They're all here: Princess Buttercup, Westley, Fezzik, Miracle Max Vizzini, Prince Humpderdinck, Inigo Montoya –the whole gang. *The Princess Bride* is about good against evil, country against country, strange beasts, and love, true love. Fans of the movie will be delighted to read more back story and those new to the film will find a lot to like. The group will be discussing this book on Thursday, **December 29** at 6:30 pm. Books are available at the desk, or bring your own copy. Café Parlez is sponsored by the Friends of Plumb Library. Continue the discussion on Goodreads – www.GoodReads.com.

The schedule for 2012 is available at the library. Selections will include: *Bel Canto*, *Room*, *Three Junes*, *A Visit from the Goon Squad*, *The Last Child*, *The Tiger's Wife*, *Mrs. Kimble*, and *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*.

• **Non-Fiction Book Group** – The Nonfiction book discussion group will meet Thursday, **December 15** at 6:30 pm to discuss *Hidden Persuaders* by Vance Packard. Written in the late 1950s, this book is at times a quaint

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Editor's Pick of the Week

The Moderate Parent

Santa and Peace Building

By Anne Kakley



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Four-year-old Hazel and I had fun attending the December 3 Mattapoisett Tree Lighting. Aside from the fact that it was fun merry-making, it was a great opportunity to drop off an unwrapped toy for the Lions' toy drive.

Hazel knows all about Santa. I just didn't know how to have the conversation on why I had to bring a toy to Santa, when she is so darn set on Santa bringing toys to her.

So I did what any avoiding mother would do: I hid the toy. I purchased a Bathtub Princess Baby Ariel and placed it under all the other stuff in the car trunk.

But like any other girly-girl, Hazel has this sixth sense. She can detect when sparkle, glitter and tulle are within a ten-foot radius. A bit of pink from the toy packaging met her eye and she was squealing.

"Ooo! What's that?! Lemme see! Lemme see!"

And I realized that I was going to have to have the difficult conversation that I didn't want to have.

Me: It's a toy.

Hazel: For me?

Me: No. For another family who might not be able to afford Christmas this year.



Hazel: Why? Santa brings presents. He brings all kids presents. They just need to ask Santa.

Deep, heavy sigh from Mommy. If only it were that easy.

I tried explaining that Santa just needed a little help to offset the escalating costs of carrot fuel for reindeer. Then I concocted some story about parents paying a jingle surcharge to Santa for come to their houses and that some families couldn't pay the fee. Then I said we had to help Santa make sure that there would be enough toys for everyone, just in case he didn't estimate the amount of children in the world correctly.

"Of course Santa would know how many children there are," Hazel argued. "He's magic."

Defeated, I just looked at Hazel. "I'm sorry I can't seem to explain this to you in a way that makes sense," I said. "We're just bringing toys to Santa so he doesn't run out for all the little boys and girls."

"It's okay Mom," she replied. "I think it's good that we're helping Santa out. We are all friends and neighbors and peace-builders, right?"

Ah, good ol' preschool – "peace building" is so en vogue when you are four-years old.

I really wanted her to know that there are some families who need help right now. I wanted her to see how fortunate she was and how important it was for us to help others. But I didn't want to do it at the cost of Santa Claus, so I backed off. She at least understood the idea of helping Santa help people, and that's at least something.

I think she understood it a little better this month when someone helped us out. A friend of mine was kind enough to drive to our house and drop off a bunch of nice clothes for both Hazel and her baby sister Frances. We were the recipients of beautiful raincoats, dresses and shoes. Hazel sighed when she saw a princess cardigan, which was cotton candy pick and covered in little embroidered castles and princesses. She declared it was the thing that just might finally make her a princess.

"Wow," she said. "That was so nice of your friend. We needed new raincoats and now we have new raincoats. What a nice peace-builder she is."

Thanks to a recent canned food drive at Hazel's school, we are constantly buying cans of food at the supermarket to place in the Shepherd's Pantry box at the supermarket. We are buying Milkbones in bulk and throwing them to the neighborhood dogs. We are holding doors open for everyone. Catch them early. Four-year-olds want to be peace-builders more than anything else in the world.

look back, and an eerie look into the future of advertising and its influence on us, both economically and politically. Packard was one of the first to recognize how advertisers were controlling the minds of the consumer, and how market research plays a big part in what we purchase. Books are available at the desk or bring your own copy.

The non-fiction schedule for 2012 is: **January 20**: *The Other Wes Moore*, by Wes Moore; **February 16**: *Cod*, by Mark Kurlansky; **March 15**: *In the Garden of the Beasts*, by Erik Larsen; **April 19**: *Columbine*, by Dave Cullen; **May 17**: *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*, by Amy Chua.

• **Food for Fines** – During the month of December, Plumb Library patrons can have their late fees and fines waived if they donate non-perishable items for local food pantries, or pet food for local animal shelters. "Food for Fines" will continue until **December 23**. Donations cannot cover lost book fees, or lost card fees. Call the library for more information. Start the New Year with a clean slate and help local food pantries.

• **Busy Knitters** – The Knitters at Plumb Library have done it again. Last year, they donated 185 scarves for soldiers. This year, they knitted items for children. The busy knitters in Rochester donated 46 caps for preemies, donated to Charlton Hospital; 19 pairs of mittens, 40 hats, 23 scarves, one sweater, and one pair of socks were made and donated to "Gifts to Give" in New Bedford.

• **Storytime Schedules** – Preschool storytimes are for children ages 3-5 and meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am. Bookaroos for Twos, a storytime for children ages 2-3 and their parents or caregivers, meets every Friday at 10:30 am. Both story times are on holiday hiatus. Registration for the winter session will end Saturday, **December 17**. Winter session of storytime will start Wednesday, January 4.

Friends of the Elderly News

• **Holiday Luncheon** – Mark **December 15** for the annual Holiday Luncheon hosted by the Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly. This event is free and takes place on Thursday, December 15 at noon. As in previous years, it is being held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6. Enjoy the special holiday festivities with lots of fun and



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Movie Review

Who's Kevin?

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***We Need to Talk About Kevin.* Starring Tilda Swinton and John C. Reilly. Directed by Lynne Ramsay. Running time: 115 minutes. MPAA rating: R.**

I've never understood people who somehow blame the parents of psycho kids who go on school shooting sprees — especially if the parents hadn't been demonstrably abusive. Some kids — some humans — are just broken, that's all; they come out that way, stone cold and unreachable, and it doesn't matter how much love they get at home. It could be, indeed, that the *more* love they get from their parents — the more coddling, the more enabling — the harder they calcify into madness. In *We Need to Talk About Kevin,* the long-overdue third feature directed by Lynne Ramsay (*Ratcatcher, Morvern Callar*), Tilda Swinton plays Eva, the mother of a son who just plain comes out wrong. Nothing she can do helps; she tries and tries to get through to him, but he — Kevin — is intractable and difficult right from the start. He goes way beyond just being a brat. He's brilliant, and emotionally incomplete, and he seems to decide very early on that his mother is his nemesis and that he will devote himself to putting her through hell.

The movie unfurls in fragments, bouncing around through time, the main signifier being the length of Eva's hair (in the earlier bits, before her life has completely fallen apart, she has a stylishly short style; later on, it's longer and lifeless). What we gather is that Kevin, now a teenager, has gone on a school rampage, and that this has destroyed Eva's life. In flashbacks, we see her living with her son, her clueless husband (John C. Reilly), and her younger daughter in a huge house without many neighbors around. (The remoteness of the house becomes important later.) As a best-selling writer of travel books, Eva can afford the set-up. In the present-day scenes she's renting a ratty suburban house and toiling as a secretary in a — insult-to-injury here — travel agency. Her life is effectively over. We sense that the only reason she doesn't OD on a bottle of pills and a bottle of the red wine she's always chugging is that she needs to hear Kevin — whom she visits in the juvie institution — explain why he did it. As if there could *be* an explanation.

We Need to Talk About Kevin isn't the kind of film that provides such a reason. What it does do, with stomach-freezing efficacy, is to swim around inside the pain of a parent whose child is a monster. (Another recent film, last summer's *Beautiful Boy,* probed the same sort of wound.) But we also see that Eva is not entirely innocent. I said before that she tries and tries, but some people are cut out to be parents and some are not; some have the patience for a particularly recalcitrant child and some don't. As it happens, Eva's relationship with the younger daughter, Celia, seems perfectly healthy, if only because Celia doesn't smear sandwiches on glass tables or soil herself to spite Eva. It can also happen that parents make all their mistakes with the first kid and are mellower with the subsequent ones. Whatever the case, we're shown that Kevin gave Eva trouble right from birth, *literally* from birth. The only time he cuts her some slack is when he's sick and he develops an interest in the Robin Hood storybook she's reading to him, which in turn forms an interest in archery.

This is easily the most mainstream film Lynne Ramsay has made, though it's still far from ready for prime time. A lot of it, thematically and symbolically, is very neat; a little too neat. There are the obvious images of Eva straining throughout the movie to clean up red paint that's been splattered across the front of her house, with many close-ups of her washing the paint off her hands. Yes, we *get* it; out, damn'd spot! We also get that every hapless interaction she endures with Kevin points irrevocably towards his massacre. When we see that little Celia has two healthy eyes in some scenes and an eyepatch in others, we tense up and wait to find out how *that* happened (remembering all the while Kevin's affinity for arrows). When Celia gets a plump little gerbil for Christmas, we wait to see what Kevin will do to it. Some of the mechanisms in the plotting may hark back to Lionel Shriver's 2003 source novel, which if anything made Kevin even more of a bastard.

Still, what Ramsay does with the material — with invaluable help from the prickly-vulnerable Swinton and a peerless portrait in sociopathy by the 18-year-old Ezra Miller as the teenage Kevin — sticks in the mind and the eye. This is a thriller, after a fashion (some have called it a horror movie; *Hollywood Elsewhere*'s Jeffrey Wells memorably termed it "emotional rat poison"), and it made me wonder anew what Ramsay might have done with *The Lovely Bones,* which she was attached to for a while before Peter Jackson took it over and stank it up with his heavy-breathing CGI visions of heaven. I wonder, too, if the experience of losing out on *The Lovely Bones* made Ramsay hungry for another story about murder and familial noncommunication and devastated mothers. This is by leaps and bounds the better film, though not nearly as comforting — we even hear Eva, with suspicious cheerfulness, telling Jehovah's Witnesses that she fully expects to go to hell — and to recommend it to young or prospective parents would be the height of cruelty. The movie, among other things, gives us to think about how much of parenting is the luck of the genetic draw: some babies come out destined to bring pain to themselves and everyone around them, and not the smallest or largest damn thing can be done about it.

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Mattapoisett COA

• **Exercise**: Mondays at 10:00 am, QiGong ($2.50); Mondays and Wednesdays at noon, Strength and Balance ($2.50); Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:45 am, Yoga ($2.50); Wednesdays at 10:00 am, CardioDance Fit ($4).

• **Crafts**: Mondays at 10:00 am, Knitting Group (free); Coming soon – Watercolor Painting.

• **Social**: Mondays at 1:00 pm, Scrabble (free); Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, Bingo (per card); Thursdays at 9:00 am, Bridge (free).

• **Mattapoisett Mah Jongg** – The Mattapoisett Social and Wellness Center in Center School, 17 Barstow Street is offering Mah Jongg every Wednesday at 1:30 pm.

Learn to play Mah Jongg or add the Wednesday afternoon session to your weekly Mah Jongg schedule. Reserve your place by calling the Center at 508-758-4110.

The Mattapoisett COA is located in the Center School at 17 Barstow Street. The phone number is 508-758-4110.

Marion COA

COA Speaker Series – The first Wednesday of every month the Marion COA sponsors a different speaker. All talks are held at 1:00 pm at the Marion Police Station. Pre-registration is not needed and this is a free event. Topics are:

• **January 4** – How to protect your nest egg.

• **February 1** – When Love is Not Enough – Dos and don'ts when communicating with Alzheimer's patients.

Mattapoisett Tax Collector News

The Town of Mattapoisett is pleased to offer the option of paying for water/sewer bills and property and excise taxes with a credit card at the Collector's Office counter. The new credit card reader service is being

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Tri-Town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights Dec. 6 - Dec. 12
- Converse Rd – Vehicle Stop
- Mill St – Disabled Vehicle
- Front St – Abandoned 911 Call
- Green St – Building Check
- Indian Cove Rd – Building Check
- Point Rd – Fire Alarm
- Lewis St – Vehicle Stop
- Point Rd – Fire Alarm
- Bell Guzzle Ln – Medical Emergency
- Mill St – Animal Complaint
- County Rd – Animal Complaint
- Point Rd – Animal Complaint
- West Ave – Medical Emergency
- Mill St – Suspicious Activity
- County Rd – Medical Emergency
- Front St – Burglar Alarm
- Brookhaven Ln – Animal Complaint
- Front St – Burglar Alarm
- Park St – Building Check
- Front St – Vehicle Stop
- Jenney Ln – Welfare Check
- Mill St – Gunshots Reported
- Pleasant St – Fire Alarm
- Spring St – Disturbance
- Wareham Rd – Car Accident
- County Rd – Vehicle Stop
- Main St – Building Check
- 195E – Vehicle Complaint
- Mill St – Medical Emergency

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights Dec. 6 - Dec. 12
- Brandt Island Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
- Brandt Island Rd – Adult Arrest
- Tinkham Ln – Abandoned 911
- Ocean Breeze Ln – Abandoned 911
- Ned's Point – Drugs/Narcotics
- Melissa Ann Ln – Gunshots Reported
- County Rd – Vehicle Violations
- County Rd – Burglar Alarm
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Safety Hazard
- North St – Vandalism
- County Rd – Ambulance Request
- County Rd – Drugs/Narcotics
- County Rd – Property Found
- Locust St – Lockout
- Hammond St – Fire
- Fairhaven Rd – Burglar Alarm
- Acushnet Rd – Car Accident
- Church St – Animal Control
- Main St – Animal Control
- County Rd – Disturbance
- Barstow St – Abandoned 911
- Fairhaven Rd – Car Accident
- Randall Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
- North St – Car Accident
- Maplewood St – Larceny
- Aucoot Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
- Brandt Island Rd – Vandalism
- Baptist St – Disturbance
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Burglar Alarm

ROCHESTER
Log highlights Dec. 6 - Dec. 12
- Marion Rd – Building Check
- Walnut Plain Rd – B&E
- Braley Hill Rd – Burglar Alarm
- Sarah Sherman Rd – Ambulance Request
- Benson Rd – Vandalism
- North Ave – Disturbance
- High St – Noise Complaint
- North Ave – Animal Control
- Marion Rd – Officer Wanted
- Neck Rd – Traffic Hazard
- Cushman Rd – Car Accident
- Wordell St – Animal Control
- Marion Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
- North Ave – Investigation
- Alley Rd – Larceny
- North Ave – B&E
- Walnut Plain Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
- Cranberry Hwy – Area Check
- County Rd – Animal Control
- Marion Rd – Vehicle Stop
- Randall Rd – Domestic Disturbance
- Snipatuit Rd – Car Accident
- County Rd – Car Accident
- Noble Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
- Rounseville Rd – Annoying Phone Calls
- Walnut Plain Rd – Disabled Vehicle
- County Rd – Suspicious Activity
- High St – B&E
- Pine St – Fire Alarm

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, **December 19**: Salisbury steak w/ mushroom gravy, whipped potatoes, carrots, wheat bread, chilled fruit.
Tuesday, **December 20**: Roast pork w/ gravy, red bliss potatoes, Winter blend vegetables, whole wheat bread, brownie, diet: cookie.
Wednesday, **December 21**: Macaroni & cheese, escalloped tomatoes, multi grain roll, fruited jello.
Thursday, **December 22**: Tomato Florentine, soup w/ crumb baked chicken, rice & beans, dinner roll, fresh fruit.
Friday, **December 23**: Spaghetti & meat sauce, Tuscany blend vegetables, fruit muffin, applesauce.

MATTAPOISETT ELEMENTARY CENTER
Monday, **December 19**: Spaghetti & meatballs w/ a warm bread stick, fresh garden salad, choice of fruit, milk.
Tuesday, **December 20**: Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, choice of fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **December 21**: Hamburger or cheeseburger w/ lettuce & tomato, oven roasted potato wedges, choice of fruit, milk.
Thursday, **December 22**: Breaded chicken patty on a bun w/ lettuce & tomato, pasta & veggie salad, choice of fresh fruit, milk.
Friday, **December 23**: NO SCHOOL.

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, **December 19**: Spaghetti & meatballs w/ a warm bread stick, fresh garden salad, choice of fruit, milk.
Tuesday, **December 20**: Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, choice of fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **December 21**: Hamburger or cheeseburger w/ lettuce & tomato, oven roasted potato wedges, choice of fruit, milk.
Thursday, **December 22**: Breaded chicken patty on a bun w/ lettuce & tomato, pasta & veggie salad, choice of fresh fruit, milk.
Friday, **December 23**: NO SCHOOL.

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, **December 19**: Spaghetti & meatballs w/ a warm bread stick, fresh garden salad, choice of fresh fruit, milk.
Tuesday, **December 20**: Choice of toasted cheese sandwiches: plain, w/ tomato or w/ ham, tomato soup, choice of fresh fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **December 21**: Breaded chicken patty on a bun w/ lettuce & tomato, pasta & veggie salad, choice of fresh fruit, milk.
Thursday, **December 22**: Hamburger or cheeseburger w/ lettuce & tomato, oven roasted potato wedges, choice of fresh fruit, milk.
Friday, **December 23**: NO SCHOOL.

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
Monday, **December 19**: Spaghetti & meatballs w/ warm bread stick, fresh garden salad, choice of fruit, milk.
Tuesday, **December 20**: Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, choice of fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **December 21**: Hamburger or cheeseburger w/ lettuce & tomato, oven roasted potato wedges, choice of fruit, milk.
Thursday, **December 22**: Breaded chicken patty on a bun w/ lettuce & tomato, pasta & veggie salad, choice of fresh fruit, milk.
Friday, **December 23**: NO SCHOOL.

SIPPICAN SCHOOL, MARION
Monday, **December 19**: Spaghetti & meatballs w/ a warm bread stick, fresh garden salad, choice of fruit, milk.
Tuesday, **December 20**: Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, choice of fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **December 21**: Hamburger or cheeseburger w/ lettuce & tomato, oven roasted potato wedges, choice of fruit, milk.
Thursday, **December 22**: Breaded chicken patty on a bun w/ lettuce & tomato, pasta & veggie salad, choice of fresh fruit, milk.
Friday, **December 23**: NO SCHOOL.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH
Monday, **December 19**: Meatball sub, chips, cheese, green beans, strawberries.
Tuesday, **December 20**: Chicken Broccoli Alfredo, bread stick, apple slices.
Wednesday, **December 21**: Tacos, rice, lettuce, salsa, sour cream, cheese, peaches.
Thursday, **December 22**: Hot dogs, fries, carrots, fruit.
Friday, **December 23**: NO SCHOOL.

offered in conjunction with the Town's third-party vendor for online eBill payment services. Bill payers who use the new secure in-office credit card swiper service will be charged a convenience fee of approximately three percent of the total bill, and will be informed of the exact amount before the transaction is completed. The "Swiper" can be used for paying with Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit cards. The Town is looking to expand this service, as well as the online bill payment service, to include other town departmental bills in the future.

Free Self-Defense Classes for Women

Rochester Police Press Release

The Rochester Police Department will offer self-defense classes for women 14 years and older on **December 28** and **January 4** from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, **January 7** from 9:00 to noon and **January 7** from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. This four-part course is offered at Old Colony Regional Vocational High School, 476 North Avenue, Rochester

This is a free program for Tri-Town women. Call the Rochester Police at 508-763-5112 ext. 109 to register.

Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System is a 12-hour program of realistic, self-defense tactics and techniques. It is a comprehensive course for women that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training.

RAD is not a martial arts program. Courses are taught by Rochester Police Officers Robert Small and Elizabeth Rich who are certified RAD instructors. The RAD System of Physical Defense is currently being taught at many Police Departments, Colleges, and Universities. The growing, widespread acceptance of this system is primarily due to the ease, simplicity and effectiveness of its tactics, solid research, and unique teaching methodology.

The RAD Systems is dedicated to teaching women defensive concepts and techniques against various types of assault, by utilizing easy, effective and proven self-defense tactics. The system of realistic defense will provide a woman with the knowledge to make an educated decision about resistance.



Session 1 – Utilizing the RAD student manual, students will be involved in a discussion of risk reduction strategies, date rape, continuum of survival, defensive strategies and the basic principles of defense.

Session 2 – Participating students will begin the process of hands on training, discuss the pros and cons of defensive weaponry, how to develop a defensive mindset, understanding offensive and defensive postures, recognizing vulnerable locations and utilizing personal weapons.

Session 3 – Participating students will continue the process of hands on training. The techniques utilized by RAD Systems are based on simple gross motor skills and are developed to the point that they become

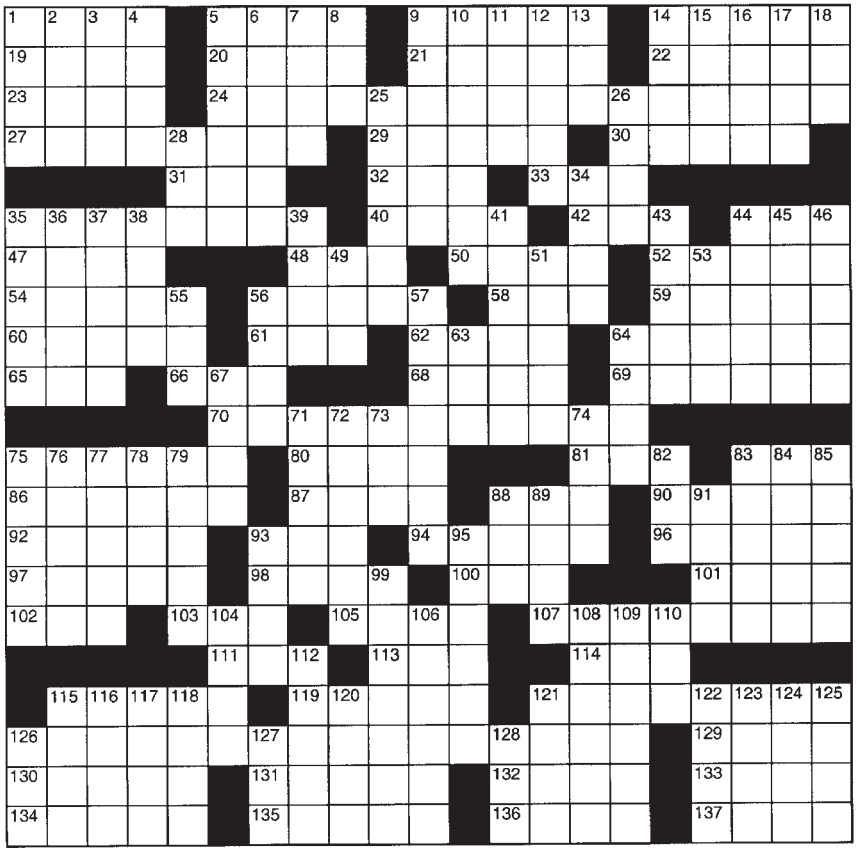


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30 Let up
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52 "Butterfield 8" author
54 Rouse
56 Singer Payne
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60 Become a prune
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96 "Salome" character
97 Like some paper
98 Covenant
100 Opie's aunt
101 Unit of area
102 Archaic preposition
103 Conductor Queler
105 Snake sound
107 Part 4 of remark
111 Slalom curve
113 Ruby of "A Raisin in the Sun"
114 Limit
115 Sink
119 Dust busters
121 — squash
126 End of remark
129 Peace of mind
130 Soviet cooperative
131 "He's making — . . ."
132 Buffalo waterfront
133 Jocular Johnson
134 Director Sergio
135 "Beau —" ('39 film)
136 Equipment
137 Actor Wallace

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6 Discuss
7 Auto pioneer
8 Petite pooch
9 Prepares onions
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12 Improve
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14 Hunk of gunk
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82 Furniture wood
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84 Idolize
85 Surrenders
88 In-your-face item
89 Guinness or Baldwin
91 Sport
93 Does Little work
95 Preoccupy
99 Most methodical
104 Jacket feature
106 Hardly hyper
108 Small shrub
109 Foam
110 Choose, with "for"
112 Face lift?
115 Wet blanket
116 Concerning
117 WWII gun
118 Tropical spot
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121 Spotless
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123 Reduce, with "down"
124 — Spumante
125 Poverty
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127 Witty one
128 Foster or Tilly



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make your holiday preparations one step at a time in order to avoid being overwhelmed and leaving things undone. That confusing family situation continues to work itself out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Ease this year's holiday money pressures by letting your thrifty side guide you as you look for those perfect gifts that typically reflect your good taste and love of beauty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll have a good handle on potential holiday problems if you delegate tasks to family members, friends or co-workers -- most of whom will be more than happy to help out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Right now you are especially vulnerable to holiday scams that seek to take advantage of your generosity. Best advice: Check them out before you send out your checks.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The upcoming holiday season gives the Big Cat much to purr about. Relationships grow stronger, and new opportunities loom on the horizon, just waiting to be pounced on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A changing situation brings conflicting advice about how to go forward with your holiday plans. Your best bet: Make the decision you feel most comfortable with.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans get back on track after some confusion about the direction you expected to take. A potentially troublesome money matter needs your immediate attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your holiday preparations are on track. But you need to confront a personal situation while you can still keep it from overwhelming everything else.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Tight financial matters ease a bit during this holiday season. But the sagacious Sagittarian is well-advised to keep a tight hold on the reins while shopping for gifts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't put off making decisions about this year's holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you've been getting from several quarters. Do it NOW!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There's good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are respected for your honesty and loyalty. You make friends slowly -- but with rare exceptions, they're in your life forever.

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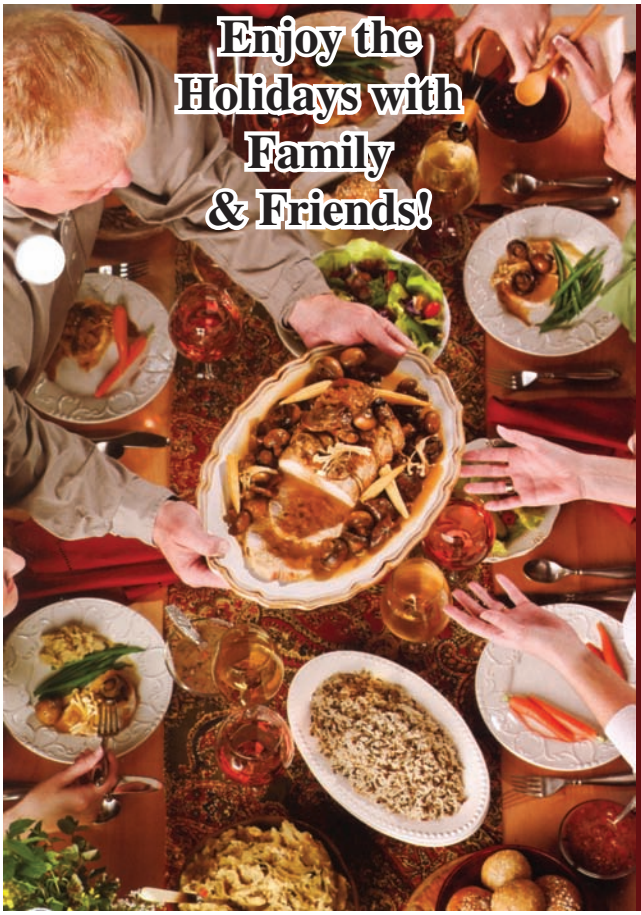
Session 4 – Students will then participate in "simulated assault" scenarios with RAD instructors, who along with participants, wear state-of-the-art protective gear specifically designed for this training. Women have the opportunity to utilize their skills in a safe training environment.

BoxTops for Education

Please help support the Center School and save your BoxTops and Campbell's soup labels. Funding from these products helps pay for transportation to field trips and recess equipment. Community collection boxes for the BoxTops and soup labels are located at the Mattapoisett Town Hall, the children's room of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, and the Mattapoisett Senior Center in the Center School on Barstow Street. Thank you for supporting your local school!

Marion Senior Fuel Assistance

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CASE #653

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2012 in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of Douglas and Joanne Watson for a Special Permit under section 6.1.3 of the zoning by-law to allow reconstruction and extension of an existing non-conforming structure, including the removal and replacement of an existing structure.

The property, located at 32 Oakdale Avenue, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 12 as Lot 20A.

Zoning Board of Appeals
Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 12/15, 12/22, 1/05

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 9, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by: Hannah Gaffey and family, 27 Silvershell Ave., Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

The proposed project is to add an 18 x 16 addition so disabled and wheel chaired family members can have access and mobility. The project is located at 27 Silvershell Ave., Mattapoisett, and is further identified as Lot 234 on Assessor Map 5A. Plans are available at Town Hall for review.

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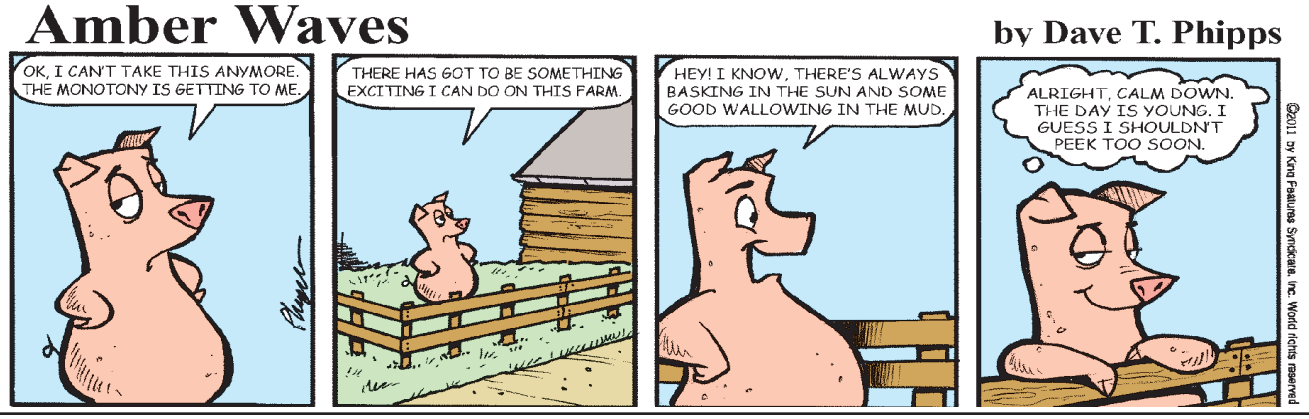
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From the Mattapoisett Town Clerk

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Elvira Souza	December 21
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

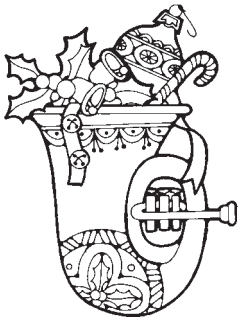
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Lions Pledge to Plant Trees

The Mattapoisett Lions Club is inviting all community residents to indicate their interest in supporting a joint Lions and Boy Scout Troop 53 tree planting project. This event is part of the Lions Clubs International Million Tree Planting Campaign, a global campaign taking place from July 2011 to June 2012 that focuses on caring for the environment and our communities through tree planting.

Lions clubs are groups of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Mattapoisett Lions Club, please contact Don Correia at 508-758-4738 or e-mail drtire@aol.com or visit www.mattapoisett lionsclub.org.

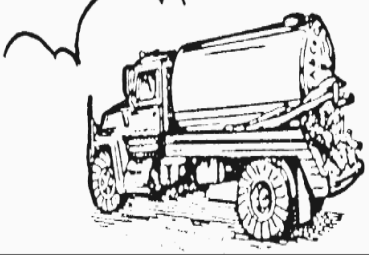
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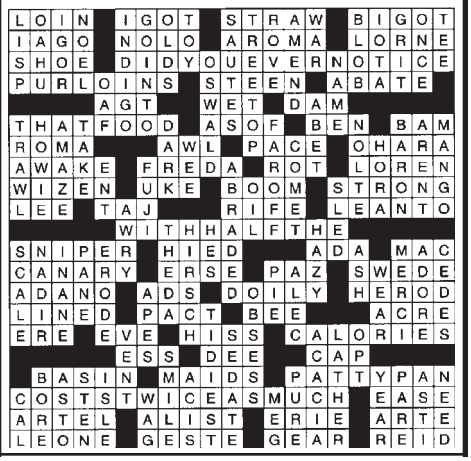
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Plans for the New Year are to have a special event with refreshments and a movie. The group would like it to feature mothers dialoging with their daughters about the advances women have made as a result of the Second Wave of the Women's Liberation Movement. The teapot is on!

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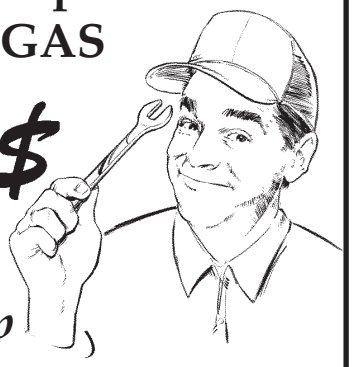
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Jen Nersesian, superintendent of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, said, "Our national park is proud to offer these tours to our public. The stories of whaling are connected to so many people around the world – they are everyone's stories. Our walking tours are just one way we connect visitors to this amazing history. We especially look forward to seeing folks from New Bedford and surrounding towns drop by."

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• **Donations Needed** – The council is seeking donations of used eyeglasses for the Lion's Club. A drop box is located outside the office door on Spring Street.

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Hockey Registration

• **Learn to Play** – The Canal Sharks are pleased to announce the registration for the Learn-To-Play hockey program. This program is open to all girls and boys that would like to have a little fun and learn the game. Skaters registering for this program should be able to skate the length of the ice with equipment on and without assistance. All ice time will be at the Gallo Arena in Bourne and will be played on the weekend.

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• **February 5**, 2012, "Suites and Sweets" – Former Music Director Daniel Lasdow will conduct a concert of suites and other pieces for concert band. Current Music Director and euphonium player Philip Sanborn will be the featured soloist.

• **March 18**, 2012, "German Gems" – Original compositions for band by former Music Director George Dietzler will be framed by transcriptions from the German masters. Violinist Jesse Holstein will be the featured soloist.

• **June 17**, 2012, "Three Generations of Disney" – The 10th Annual Benefit Pops Concert will be held at Tabor Academy, in a grand tent, and highlight the three generations of music from the world of Walt Disney. Ice cream, cupcakes and cappuccino will highlight this festive event.

For more detailed information, please visit: TriCountySymphonicBand.org.

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December 15:	Thurs.	10:52	11:30	3:52	4:32
December 16:	Fri.	11:45	. . .	4:42	5:17
December 17:	Sat.	12:22	12:39	5:42	6:12
December 18:	Sun.	1:18	1:37	6:56	7:16
December 19:	Mon.	2:16	2:38	8:22	8:22
December 20:	Tues.	3:18	3:43	9:36	9:23
December 21:	Wed.	4:21	4L46	10:37	10:18
December 22:	Thurs.	5:22	5:44	11:33	11:11
December 23:	Fri.	6:17	6:38	. . .	12:26
December 24:	Sat.	7:09	7:30	12:03	1:16
December 25:	Sun.	7:59	8:20	12:55	2:03
December 26:	Mon.	8:48	9:10	1:46	2:44
December 27:	Tues.	9:37	9:59	2:34	3:22
December 28:	Wed.	10:26	10:49	3:21	3:58
December 29:	Thurs.	11:14	11:38	4:06	4:35
December 30:	Fri.	. . .	12:02	4:53	5:14
December 31:	Sat.	12:26	12:49	5:47	5:59
January 1:	Sun.	1:15	1:37	6:54	6:54

Phases of the Moon

Last Quarter	December 18th
New Moon	December 24th
First Quarter	January 1st
Full Moon	January 9th



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

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